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A HANDBOOK OF CARTOMANCY.

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FORTUNE-TELLING AND OCCULT DIVINATION

INCLUDING THE ORACLE OF HUMAN DESTINY, CAGLIOSTRO'S MYSTIC ALPHA OF THE MAGI, AND THE GOLDEN WHEEL OF FORTUNE

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WITH TWO PLATES

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PREFACE.

THE curiosities of esoteric literature, separated from the grandeurs of esoteric philosophy, are not without their individual interest, and the by-ways of practical mysticism are not without their importance. It is eminently desirable that they should be rescued from the ignorant mutilations of charlatans, and distinguished from the worthless impostures which are foisted on public credulity as genuine remains of the ancient and traditional science of the sublime Kings of the East.

This little work has been expressly compiled for the use of those persons, so numerous at the present epoch of psychic inquiry, who are desirous to test their intuitional faculties by some of the innumerable divinatory methods which were used in the past. A few matters more curious than useful have been introduced for the sake of variety, but the chief aim has been to collect what is simple, practical, supported by magical authority, and in accordance with mystical doctrine. Some of the materials are presented for the first time to the English reader, and these, in particular, have been gleaned from remote and comparatively unknown sources.

The successful conduct of all magical operations depends, almost exclusively, on the temporary predominance of the intuitional faculties in the Seer, and the errors and uncertainties which commonly

characterise the results are directly owing to the disabilities, limitations, and untrained condition of these faculties in the vast majority of men. The student should not be discouraged by several initial failures; intuitive perception exists in all minds, and practice will ultimately develop it; and as it is a natural faculty, when once it has free play, it will perform its operations with the accuracy that characterises other intellectual powers.

A word must be added on the abuse of divinatory methods. It is usual to invest them with an inherent virtue of their own; this is an ignorant superstition. Whatever the process, whatever the instruments, they are simply aids to elicit clairvoyance, and to cast the Seer for the time being into a biologized condition. It should also be remembered that any attempt to force the oracles to utter a favourable augury makes void the whole operation. The application of the bias of an interested person for the direction of the voice of prophecy, obviously renders the prophecy abortive, and befools all who consult it.

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THE ORACLE OF HUMAN DESTINY; OR, THE NINE HUNDRED ANSWERS TO THE THIRTY LIFE-QUESTIONS OF PYTHAGORAS.

How to consult this Oraculum.

In order to get a correct answer to any one of the Thirty Life-Questions of Pythagoras, it is necessary first to look at the preceding Wheel of Destiny.* Opposite each letter will be found a number. Take the number opposite the letter of your Christian name; add to this the date of the day of the month on which you were born, and then refer to the numbers of the planets and days. If you ask the question on a Monday, take the number that is enclosed in the square with that day, and also the number of that day's planet. Add all these together, and divide by thirty, and whatever is the remainder is the answer to your question.

Example.

Suppose a person named Helen or Harry were to ask the question, "Shall I obtain my heart's desire?" on a Thursday, and that the party asking were born on the 20th of any month in the year.

Date of birth, ...	20
Number opposite H, . . .	28
Number enclosed with Thursday, .	31
Number of Thursday's planet, .	78
Total, .	157

* See accompanying plate.

The division of 157 by 30 leaves a remainder of 7. Turn to the table of mystic numbers and letters of the stars, and on a line from the third question (which is the one asked) you will find under the seventh column of figures this mark ♎ ; follow this column down till you come to the line of the third question, and there you find the letter I. Then turn to that letter in the oracle of futurity and look for the sign ♎. This is the answer : *There will happen first three crosses ; the fourth effort will bring success ; but there will be, and now is, a bitter enemy in your way.*

N.B.—Persons who do not know the date of their birth must take the date of the month on which they ask the question.

The Thirty Life-Questions of Pythagoras.

1. Shall I be fortunate or unfortunate in this world ?
2. What epochs of my life will be richest in fortune ?
3. Shall I attain my heart's desire ?
4. What are the initials of the unknown person's name, about whom I seek intelligence ?
5. Will the sick person amend, or have a relapse ?
6. Am I born to a long or short life ?
7. What is my planet or sign, and my consequent destiny ?
8. Will a promise made be fulfilled ?
9. Shall I gain where I now reside, or must I remove ?
10. Is my friend true and trusty ?
11. Will my present ill-fortune turn to good hereafter ?
12. What kind of weather will there be on the occasion I have in my mind ?
13. Will the particular day I think of prove fortunate ?
14. What day of the week or month will be of most importance to me ?

15. What will my fortune be in marriage?
16. What can you tell me of goods lost or stolen?
17. Shall I gain or lose the law-suit?
18. What will be the lady's fortune in marriage?
19. Shall I be fortunate in my family?
20. Is my absent friend happy or in trouble?
21. If I bet, or play, shall I lose or win?
22. Have I more friends than enemies?
23. To what part of the world should I travel?
24. Will there be a change this year in my life?
25. Is it good for me to travel or voyage?
26. What has fortune in store for me during the next seven years?
27. Will the ship arrive safely, or be lost?
28. In what calling or business shall I prosper?
29. Will the business speculation I propose prove fortunate?
30. Who is to win in the coming battle?

WITH HEART AND HAND
MAHBOOB YAR JUNG
DOWLA BO
MIR REAZUT ALI KHAN

The Mystic Numbers and Letters of the Stars.

Questions.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓	♄	♃	♂
No.															
1	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
2	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
3	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
4	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
5	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
6	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
7	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
8	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
9	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W
10	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
11	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
12	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a
14	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b
15	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c
16	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d
17	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A
18	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B
19	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C
20	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D
21	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E
22	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F
23	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
24	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
25	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
26	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
27	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
28	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
29	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
30	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N

N.B.—Whenever the answer to a question falls in any sign in the letter U, look for the same sign in the letter V; and whenever an answer falls in any

THE MYSTIC NUMBERS AND LETTERS OF THE STARS.

Questions.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	♀	☿	☉	☽	♌	♉	✶	△	□	☌	⊕	+	✶✶	×	✶✶✶
No.															
1	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d
2	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A
3	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B
4	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C
5	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D
6	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E
7	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F
8	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
9	X	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
10	Y	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
11	Z	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
12	a	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
13	b	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
14	c	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
15	d	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
16	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
17	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
18	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
19	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
20	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
21	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
22	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
23	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
24	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W
25	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
26	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
27	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
28	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a
29	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b
30	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	a	b	c

sign in the letter V, look for the same sign in the letter U. A correct answer is thus obtained.

Numbers of the Planets.

♄	☉	☽	♂	☿	♃	♀
Saturn,	Sun,	Moon,	Mars,	Mercury,	Jupiter,	Venus,
55	34	45	39	114	78	45

Numbers of the Days.

Saturday,	Sunday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,	Friday,
55,	106,	52,	52,	102,	31,	68,
ruled by Saturn.	ruled by the Sun.	ruled by the Moon.	ruled by Mars.	ruled by Mercury.	ruled by Jupiter.	ruled by Venus.

The Oracle of Human Destiny; or, The Nine Hundred Answers of Pythagoras.

A.

Signs.

This sign indicates that the asker will be fortunate in this life, commencing one year from this day. He will have a fair habitation, and enjoy the luxuries of wealth. ♈

Doubtless you are the favourite of the planet Mars, and you will conquer those who oppose you. ♉

Propitious signs surround you; one, however, indicates a few months' delay. Be cautious. ♊

The aqueous signs influence this peculiar part of your life. If you would prosper, choose the sea, or dealing in oils, fish, or liquors. ♋

The vessel has been driven about by tempest; deep waters have threatened her; but she is safe. ♌

You will be invited to a feast or a wedding; expect three mischances, also a funeral (not probably of a near relation), a perilous journey, a jovial gift. ♍

Mark well! By land there is safety. Do not imperil yourself on the water. Avoid travelling when the moon is past the full. ♎

A removal—probably sudden and unexpected; plenty of employment, but some of it tedious. Here, too, is indicated the help of a kind friend. ♏

Travel eastward from where you were born, or now are. Otherwise, go not at all. Do not journey westward. ♐

Fortune is yours; what more would you? Still your designs are even now doubtful. ♑

Six of them favour you, four are against you; therefore your friends preponderate. ♒

The absent person has recently changed residence;

Signs.

♓ evil stars have prevailed lately; news will reach you shortly.

♄ This portends a small family; two fortunate offsprings are allotted you.

♃ A slow and tiresome courtship, but a quick marriage to one of tall stature, erect and free in carriage, portly and handsome, and one who is fortunate.

♂ The longest purse will belong to your enemy, but if you can keep away false witnesses, fear not.

♀ Search carefully: a woman is concerned in the matter, if it be of theft. If it be a loss, search the apartments where females sleep.

☿ The asker will marry a prudent and clever lady, a stranger from the west, dark, handsome, and one whom he can love.

☉ Sunday will be the day of your greatest success and happiness; Friday the most sorrowful day of your life.

☽ Some of the planets are now frivolous and opposed; some are decidedly evil. Be on your guard.

♌ A dry and pleasant season, and fertile; if you ask of a day only, it will be wet; if of a month, pleasant.

♍ There is a change in the future; within three months you will perceive it. In three years there will be a still greater change.

✱ Beware of red-haired people. The planets warn you against deceit, hate, and cunning.

△ Were you to remove at present, it would increase the evils now around you. Beware of changing under four months.

□ This speaks of some secret snare or artifice, designed to mislead you. Fate is opposed to your wishes.

♑ You are born under SATURN, and the sign is *Capricorn* (the Goat, ♑). Up to your thirty-third year you may expect but little luck. The middle of life, from thirty-three to fifty-one is full of care; after that there is happiness.

It were better not to inquire further into this

Signs.

matter; for, before you reach your forty-second year, perils must be borne; you should bear them with patience. ⊕

Here are ominous signs of a mysterious relapse; by all means change the physician and avoid the danger, if you possibly can, by keeping the sick chamber free from draughts of air, except at the *top* of the windows. +

The name you seek after is of some length (in syllables). It begins with H or I, and is of unfrequent occurrence. ✳✳

Unless manifold cares are taken, a delay will be caused, perhaps a dilemma. A remarkable difficulty is very likely to take place. ×

It is foreshadowed that your fate will be evil at twenty-two, and perilous at thirty; temperance and fortitude will assist you in preserving your life. ✳✳✳

B.

Your youth is fraught with many vicissitudes, some calamities and disasters: there will be three narrow escapes, three years of fickle fortune, and then prosperity arrives. ♈

The planets indicate that you are destined to a fate replete with vicissitudes and changes. ♉

The taller of the two will overcome the shorter, either personally or by proxy; and the weaker will afterwards become the chosen friend of his conqueror. ♊

This foretells, in this instance, happy success. ♋

Deal in merchandise or the produce of the earth, and you will become rich. ♌

The ship is now in harbour, or at least free from the dangers portended in the earlier part of the voyage. ♍

Five long and tedious journeys are allotted to you, three of which will be on water; twice you will attend funerals. ♎

Beware of short, thick-set people, with reddish and coarse hair, and generally marked with scars on

Signs.

♏ the face. This is a sign of deceit and danger. Defer your intentions for a period of nine weeks, if you would have a fair chance of success.

♐ A fair, tall person, with yellow or brown hair, in high life, will ere long become your bosom friend.

♑ In the south and south-east (in a hilly country) lies your fortune. Live not near the water, but on hills, near high or rich people's houses.

♒ The planetary bearings are moderately fortunate; but one will strive against you, of whom you should beware: he will be an enemy under the garb of a friend.

♓ The star of your history is now obscured: for a season of three months your fate is crossed and untoward.

♄ He (or she) has been sick and in trouble; but for a time his (or her) tribulations will vanish. Be not uneasy about him (or her).

♃ Your children will be both your joy and your sorrow: one of your boys will become the commander of many. He will give you joy and wealth.

♂ Twice will she wed: one of her choices will be a dark-haired, elderly man; the other light-complexioned, and now, or until recently, a stranger. The second marriage will be the happier.

♀ He who expects to gain shall, in this instance, lose. The present hour is evil; and evil-minded persons will vex you. Try the oracle to-morrow.

☿ If the thing be lost *only*, look for it in high or lofty places, and where books or papers are kept. If it be stolen, one under fifteen years of age has committed the theft.

☉ You will love many, deceive some, and will meet your match in marriage after all.

☽ The third day of the month is ever evil for you, and SUNDAY is always unfortunate; yet it shall be the most noted day of your life.

☊ Although some of the planets show fortunately, this day will result in evil. Be discreet and watchful.

Is it of to-day or to-morrow you ask? If so,

Signs.

rain is in the air. If of a future period, expect, in summer, thunder; in autumn, hail; in winter, snow; and in spring, gales. ♉

Doubtless it will. This is the forerunner of wealth, happiness, and prosperity. ✶

Few in number, and rare, are worldly friendships; yet some real good is near at hand, or is now occurring. △

Remove not until eighty-eight days are passed; then remove quickly. It will be the luckiest migration of your life. □

In part it may, but numerous interruptions will happen first. ☌

You are ruled by the sign *Aries* (the Ram, ♈); and the SUN (which is your planet) *will shine gloriously on your life.* It bodes good success. ⊕

A spell of sickness is before you, and, until this is over, the planets will not point out the length of your life. +

A crisis, yes, two of them, are past already. The heavenly stars foreshadow good, and bid you *hope.* ✶✶

Do you inquire of a lover? if so, the letter is O; if of an enemy or thief, N or R. A short name. ×

Whatever your misgivings, the STARS speak in favour of good fortune. ✶✶✶

C.

Take good heed you are not too ardent in your wishes, for there is a serious mischance at hand of which you little think. ♈

Between the ages of fifteen and twenty-two your life is vivid in scenery, fair in prospect, yet subject to some evils. Between thirty-five and forty it is exceedingly good. ♉

You have sought that of which you had better not ask further particulars for three months; otherwise you may be vexed at the answers. ♊

Both shall, in a manner, lose; but the roundest in visage is more favoured than the other, and you will be annoyed thereby. ♋

Signs.

♌ Three perils cross the adventurer. He will be near giving it up, and success is doubtful, at least, for a year to come.

♍ Your sign speaks of gaining by the rich; perhaps you will not gain by your own exertions in business. In trading you will often lose.

♎ This is a sign of safety, and also of news within twenty-nine days; also of some false alarms.

♏ A total change in your business and pursuits, and three accidents by fire, blows, and bruises. One year of the seven, however, will be the most fortunate of your life.

♐ Begin your journeys on the increase of the moon, at least seven days before it is full, and on MONDAYS. By so doing, success will attend you. If you travel this year, expect alarms.

♑ There will be, both at the shortening of the days (23rd of *June*), and the falling of the leaf (21st of *December*), and in one or the other seasons there will be a journey taken, or a removal.

♒ Towards the highest part of the State or county where you now reside; shun the water.

♓ One will assuredly play false; therefore be on your guard, and stake not freely; play not at random or in haste. Some of the signs are very mischievous.

♄ At present you cast an omen of rancour, malice, and of adversaries known to you and unknown. Remember and have caution.

♃ Your friend is happy; all goes well.

♂ One of your household will be skilful as a doctor, or in war; another will travel in foreign lands. Generally speaking, you have your desires.

♀ Disappointed in your first love, you will for a time (three years) mourn over your apparently evil fate; yet be cheerful, many bright scenes await you within four years.

☿ Either false witnesses will rise up against you, or you will be foiled for want of testimony. Therefore you cannot be too cautious.

☉ One of the thieves will be overtaken by justice ere a year; yet *you* will not recover stolen goods, for he has gone from you.

Signs.

Your fate is to marry one you have never seen; but if you are already married, your fortune is subject to many and annoying changes. ☽

Tuesday is the most pernicious day of your life, and the seventh day of every month the most fortunate. ♌

Harm will be near; defer your designs on the day thought of for at least three weeks. ♉

If you seek of a day, it will be clear and fine; if of a certain season, it will be mild and fruitful. ⚹

Who shall doubt it? The planets foreshadow successful and happy changes. △

Though his mind may waver and doubt, he affects you as yet truly; his cause is your own. Anger him not. □

A removal well contemplated would answer; but go not under twenty-nine days, for fear some evil may follow you. ☌

If of money, it will scarcely be. If an offer of friendship, it may be. But he promises more than he can perform. ⊕

Gemini (the Twins, ♊) own you, and Mercury is your planet; your destiny is to be famous and renowned in your day and generation. +

There are four, perhaps five, dangerous periods that possibly may cut short the thread of your life. Temperance, sobriety, and watchfulness are preservers. Live carefully. ⚹⚹

Even while you ask the question, the disease is undergoing a change; but in three days comes a crisis: good or bad is the result. ×

If you ask to know the initial of your future partner in marriage, it is S; if of a thief, it is P; and in either case the name is a bold one in sound, and perhaps an uncouth one. ⚹⚹⚹

D.

If you seek the name of one of whom you are enamoured, it begins with T, and is of several syllables. If any other name, L is the letter. ♈

Peaceably and quietly you may not; but after

Signs.

♉ some strife you may. The omens are not decisive: therefore be not too elevated.

♊ There is much trouble in your life, even at the present time. Much has already passed, and more is to come; but your middle age, from thirty-nine to sixty years, is fortunate.

♋ This sign tells of poverty near you, and then of a sudden elevation in your fortune.

♌ The fairer of the two loses in the combat; one is backed by powerful friends, and the encounter will end curiously enough.

♍ The stars say the right road of fortune is before you; but one enemy will cross your path.

♎ Deal in books, and pictures, and music. Success is promised in these.

♏ Three perils attend the ship; one by privateers or pirates, one by fire or lightning, and one by storm. She will not escape them all.

♐ Four times to wear mourning; a faithful friend; trouble by a female relation; a desired aid; a journey; a wound; a powerful enemy; and a rich present.

♑ Begin the journey when the moon is in this sign (CAPRICORN, the Goat), and you can travel safely, either on land or water.

♒ There are three changes: one caused by death, one of residence, and one in your family.

♓ To low and watery places; to the south and southward; to great or large cities; and to small island kingdoms.

♄ A cross destiny at this time is yours; if you win now, you will lose in the future.

♃ You have more friends than foes at present; but a year ago it was the reverse. Fortune is now your favourer. Use her for your future benefit. She stays with you seven years.

♂ Since the absent departed, some sudden peril has crossed his (or her) path; three weeks or three months ago, troubles and cares were near him (or her), and until now he (or she) is not entirely rid of evils.

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The planet VENUS foretells that in your family will be born a maiden of great beauty; but the good fortune of which you ask is to come. ♀

She will be courted by three fair suitors, but will wed one of dark visage, eyes of black or hazel, a clever person, tall, and well proportioned. ☿

The verdict may be in your favour; but there are few signs of profit. ☉

If stolen, it is gone over water, and will never be recovered. If mislaid, look in closets, places where water flows, in wells, or sewers. ☽

To wed one you will love lightly, yet prize highly; to have a bountiful favour of fortune at one period of your life in wedlock. ♌

The most remarkable day in your life will be SATURDAY. The 14th of *September* and the 3rd of *July* are each days of peculiar good or bad. MONDAY is your worst day. ♉

If you are in earnest about the future when you enquire, know that fortune in your case is *very* favourable. ✳

A cloudy and obscure air; if you ask in winter, sleety; if in spring, rain; if in autumn, whirlwinds; if in summer, clouds and rain. △

You are destined to suffer greatly for a year to come before the evil is past in your life. □

Great deceit is manifest, either in the choosing of your birthday, or in the friend of whom you enquire. It is well to be exceedingly watchful. ☌

The planets are now obscured. Try this again before you leave the house,—say an hour hence. ⊕

A great part of the promise will be kept, and, more than this, something not promised shall be given. +

Taurus, the Bull, and VENUS, the Star, are allotted to you in your fate; but other stars foretell a life full of changes,—now elevated, now depressed, and then a happy change. ✳✳

The perils of the first *five* years, the third *seven* years, and the fourth year therefrom, are doubtful; and in the thirty-third year fate is also silent concerning you. ✖

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* * * There will be an important change in four days for the better; but if the sick person is not careful, there will be again a relapse.

E.

♈ The sick person is in jeopardy, but will escape; the third and seventh days hence are critical; the fifteenth day decides the matter.

♉ If you inquire of a thief, he bears three names. The principal name begins with C. If you ask of a lover, it is E. A short name.

♊ The stars beam joyfully on your request. It is your lot to succeed before fifty-eight days; be joyful.

♋ Every seventh year the planets are untoward, and cross your fate; but you will enjoy a full store of this world's wealth hereafter.

♌ Fortune and a full share of happiness will be yours. But you will have many enemies.

♍ Both will rue the woeful aspects under which they fight; yet the lighter is the more skilful; fate will vanquish the shorter of the two.

♎ Your desires are too much elated. Trust not too much, for the stars are full of flattery at this time.

♏ By dealing in drugs and chemicals, also in medicines invented by those south of where you live, you will greatly prosper; and by degrees you will amass a large amount of wealth.

♐ Three times has the ship been in danger, and one more danger is near her; yet the stars promise deliverance.

♑ Two years of unsettledness, during which you will roam and wander; you will weep, woo, and marry. But beware of the third summer hence.

♒ Slow and tedious omens proclaim themselves to be the shadow of your footsteps. Go not on the ocean.

♓ Several changes will befall you; one month from this you will be surprised and gladdened. The year brings increase of cares, but will be gainful.

Travel not far from the land or State of your

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birth. The stars indicate evils and perplexities. Avoid going northward. ♄

It is foretold that you will be many times winner; and if you are serious when you consult the stars, play boldly, for fortune is on your side. ♃

Do you ask this? Then the stars presage many and bitter opponents; but your star will in the end be the victor. ♂

The friend is reclining on a couch of peaceful ease, and is now blessed with many approvals of fortune. ♀

Three of your family will shine as stars in their day and generation; one will be very learned and studious. ☿

After rejecting a host of admirers, she will marry one who will be a light to her feet and a lamp to her path: he is not now far off. ☉

Fickle enough is your fortune: an opponent will much vex you, of whom you know not yet. By all means change your present measures. ☽

Part will be recovered, if stolen. If mislaid or lost, search in the bedrooms. ☊

You will be woefully outwitted by the flirtations and caprices of the fair sex before you wed. ☋

FRIDAY is the day you will most repent of in your life; MONDAY, the day on which you must be most careful; and the 29th of *September*, your brightest day every year. ✱

The stars near you are harmonious and good; fortune in a great measure is in your favour. △

In the winter, the ground will be bound with frost and inclemencies. In other parts of the year, more pleasant. □

Before prosperity arrives, some evil is likely to happen; there is a great and remarkable bearing of the planets hereafter. ☌

As true as you are yourself; but in three months, or three years, a difference will arise. ⊕

Remove your dwelling-place, change your occupation or pursuits within three months, and go towards the south. There is a sign of a great change. +

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** The signs at this period speak of fulfilment, unless, indeed, you are sick at the time you ask the question.

× The SUN is your planetary genius; your nativity foretells many great exploits. Be ambitious to excel all around you.

< ** Several accidents will befall you: once by fire; once by the fury of a horse, a dog, or an ox; and twice you will be in peril at the hands of men.

F.

♈ At times you are fated to be beset with perils, but there is no fear of the sudden termination of life.

♉ Recovery will be delayed, but the aid of a new and skilful physician will preserve life.

♊ V or W is the initial of the name of your unknown wedded partner. If you are sincere, you speak the name often.

♋ Three or four hindrances are to come; but if the desire be of wealth, business, or friends, or anything save love, if is fated to be fulfilled.

♌ You are born to inherit wealth in your old age, that is, after fifty-five years.

♍ The planet MERCURY and the MOON indicate that you will be a lucky adventurer.

♎ The darkest in hue shall beat the fairest; but both will be severely hurt, and one of them dangerously.

♏ MARS foreshadows deceit, and there is a doubt for three months hence how far the matter will succeed.

♐ Seek employment or office under the Government; there is great chance of success. But avoid speculations, for you will lose by them.

♑ The beginning of the voyage will be unsuccessful, the middle more prosperous; but the last portends dangers, bad weather, and storms.

♒ A blow or wound in the head; death of a relation; sickness in your family; three removals; one tedious journey; a legacy; and a noble friend.

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Begin the voyage on a fortunate day, and it will be safe; for travelling on land, consult this work again before setting out, and mark well the beginning. ♓

There doubtless is; but planetary signs are now above you which will cause you to wish there had been none. ♄

By travelling eastward you will gain; by going westward you will lose. You will travel both ways; but avoid hilly and mountainous countries if you wish to succeed. ♃

If the arts of cheating be not practised, you will win, but at first lose a trifle. ♂

Foretold by VENUS is the fact that ladies will be generally your friends; but now you had better mistrust some of them, for they flatter you. ♀

The fate of the absent is diversified, much subject to the fickle frowns of fortune. You will soon have news from him (or her). ☿

Some of your offspring are born to be rich, some to attain renown at home, and some to roam over foreign lands. They are all fortunate. ☉

To marry one bred up to the sea, or a rover by profession, fair-haired, comely, and well favoured: born to enrich her in money and goods. ☽

Three times your evil star will prevail; but the fourth time you will obtain the mastery. ☊

If lost, they are buried in the earth, or fallen into some foul place; if stolen, you will never recover them; but the thief will be punished ere a year—for another crime. ☋

You will woo and wed one from a distant part of the country, mayhap, a foreigner; beautiful and respected as a damsel of worth. ✱

A sickness near unto death will seize you on a FRIDAY. WEDNESDAY is your fortunate day. The ninth day after the new moon will be a day of dread. The first of each month is favourable. △

Ill reports and slanders are foretold by the stars: be on your guard, that you pursue nothing unworthy on that day. □

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♒ If you ask of a day, it will be wet and rainy; if of a season of the year, very tempestuous.

⊕ Avoid all useless speculations, and your prospects will amend. There are still some grounds of alarm.

+ The friend may be esteemed true.

** Give your present position a fair and candid trial before you remove. There is sometimes "luck in leisure." Better signs are approaching, and they are not far off.

× If you have not asked an impossibility, it will be performed; but there will be, and now is, a slight difficulty in the way.

*** Born under the Moon, your fate will often be a perplexing one. Fortune will be fickle in your life. *Cancer* (the Crab, ♋) is your constellation.

G.

♈ The sign *Libra*, the Scales, bears rule over you; your fate tells of the hazards of chance; a rise much beyond your present expectations; a pompous name; and the gifts of wealth. Venus is your planet.

♉ If the forty-second year be passed without peril, it will be your lot to enjoy a length of years beyond that of your family generally.

♊ The most critical time is past; the harbingers of health await destiny.

♋ If you wish to know whom you will wed, O commences the name; it is long and seldom spoken. If the question be of theft, the letter is E.

♌ If of gold or silver, or the gifts of fortune, you shall; if of love or marriage, you shall not; or, if you do, you will sorely repent it.

♍ In your middle age fortune will favour you with her choicest boons; but beware of the thirty-third year, and also the forty-first. Evil stars proclaim these years disastrous.

♎ Your fate is uncertain as the wind, and but little of the past has been good; yet yours is a fortunate planet, and better days await you a year hence.

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The more cowardly of the two will win the fight, for when the stars rule, "the battle is not always to the strong, nor the race to the swiftest." ♏

If the adventure relate to war, the signs are propitious; not so in love matters; but if it relate to the golden idol (money), it is good, yes, flattering. ♐

By mysterious and secret medicines and arts, by the writings of others, by learning difficult things, and by contending against present notions, you will gain. ♑

It were well for the bold mariner who guides this barque to be careful of the shoals and quicksands which lie in his course. ♒

During that period you will be twice elevated, three times cast down, once near imprisonment; you will attend a scene of sorrow, and a marriage feast, and gain much money. ♓

If you believe in what you seek, your fate is woeful; you should avoid travelling. ♄

Your benevolent planet is fast leaving evil bearings, which, it seems, have lately been against you. ♃

In travelling you are unlucky; but if you will travel, go northward, and keep near dry level lands; dwell near a factory or rich mansion. ♂

At play you will win but little; therefore avoid it. The stars promise nothing in that way. ♀

Your acquaintance is large; it will be still larger; but *true* friends are few. ☿

The friend is about returning. You will soon hear good news from him (or her). He (or she) is moderately well circumstanced. ☉

Twice, says the MOON, you will be fortunate: once four years hence; once eight years hence. ☽

She will not marry any one whom she has yet loved, but one who is now a stranger; a fair, slender man. She is destined to happiness in wedlock. ☊

Villainy and treachery are visible in the future; take heed, or you will assuredly be wronged. ☋

Part thereof you will recover, unless, perchance, the thief has taken them across running water, ✳

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which is not likely. If anything be lost, search around you.

△ Your fate in wedlock, although wholesome and pleasing, has in it both the sweet and the bitter.

□ SATURDAY is the most eventful day of your life; and on the 5th of a certain *November* will occur the change in your destiny for the better or worse.

☌ It may prove rather the reverse; for while you deem yourself secure, a turmoil may happen: it were well, if possible, to shun the evil.

⊕ If in the spring, the air will be rigid and cold; if in the winter, thick fogs; if in the summer you ask, rain is at hand; in the autumn, fair weather.

+ The future promises much; bear with patience the fate that now destines you to poverty for a brief season.

⁂ As are gall and honey, so is his friendship; now faithful, and then doubting; then friendly; and you yourself waver in regard to him.

× You had better remove as soon as convenient; signs of ill luck are around your present abode.

⁂ Confide not too much. Something is doubtful in the questions you ask. If a fair girl has promised you something, you will regret its fulfilment.

H.

♈ There is now insincerity in the stars. Seek your fortune in a day or a week hence. You are not sufficiently earnest.

♉ MERCURY is your birth-star. It foretells riches and honours. *Taurus* (the Bull, ♉) is your constellation.

♊ The planets speak fairly for the future, no matter how delicate the asker may be. If thirty-seven years be passed, he (or she) will see sixty-two years, and more.

♋ At first a relapse; then better health; then a worse and more critical period. The physician and the sick person disagree. A change is beneficial.

If you ask of a thief, the name commences with

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Y or Z, and is in syllables. And if of love, it begins with A. ♌

You will be near giving it up three different times; but fortune will favour you in the end. ♍

You will be well off in early youth, and in old age attain many tokens of wealth. The period from thirty to thirty-five is full of many remarkable events. ♎

If a male, ambition will at times possess your whole soul. If a female, love is your foible; but either will be fortunate after the thirty-eighth year. ♏

The taller of the two will overcome his adversary if they fight; but here are signs of frustration, as if suddenly shown up, which may change the whole matter. ♐

Delay it till twenty-seven days are passed; then you are sure of success. ♑

By dealing in portable articles, in the pursuit of law or religion, or by affairs wherein rich people will aid you. In any of these seek your fortune. ♒

Some mischance attends the master of the ship. Rough weather has been experienced. The end of the voyage is doubtful. ♓

An unexpected change in your pursuits: three times to witness the death of those near and dear to you; if married, the birth of children; if single, marriage (if of proper age). ♄

Renounce all fear of alarm. JUPITER, a fortunate star, befriends you. ♃

There will be one before forty-four days; two others before the year ends; and even now there is something of import in your destiny. ♂

To the east, if you mean to cross the ocean; if you mean to travel inland, to the south-west. Dwell near theatres, or concert-rooms. ♀

MERCURY indicates that many persons mean to cheat you if they can. This is not fortunate. ☿

Your fate has many crosses in it, and there are many enemies at hand; therefore, it is difficult to solve the question correctly. ☉

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☽ Changeable as the Moon. Your friend has lately felt his destiny at work.

☊ You will have a daughter who will wed highly, or beyond her sphere in life; and with few exceptions you will have your wishes in reference to what you desire to know.

♉ To marry one in public life, whom she has either seen or now knows; and who will be a suitable husband for her, and raise her in life.

✶ By attention at the hands of justice, you may win, although your opponent is more powerful in the law than yourself.

△ If you have lost or mislaid it, seek in places high above ground. If it was stolen, a female was the thief, and you will not recover it.

□ A painful and laborious life in the married state is foretold; but if you marry twice, your destiny will be mitigated the second time.

♂ Thursday is your fortunate day. The sixteenth of every month will prove of the greatest consequence in life and actions.

⊕ A proportion of good and evil fortune is foreshadowed by the planets. By care you may remedy a part of the evil.

\+ If in summer, rain; in autumn, wind; in winter, severe cold; in spring, hail and frost; if of a day you inquire, it will be pleasant and serene.

✶✶ Discord and contention are shadowed forth; but there will, four months hence, be a change from bad to good fortune; and the change is a powerful one.

× When you count on your friends, hypocrisy and deceit will frequently be your lot.

✶✶✶ Remove quickly; there are signs of gain by so doing; "delays are dangerous."

I.

♈ While you seek, your mind changes; try again to-morrow night. You are not destined to know the first time.

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If the promise is in regard to love, it will. If of money or friendship, it is doubtful. ♉

JUPITER is the star that rules you; your fate will lead you to mighty doings before your forty-fifth year, and you will achieve much, yet enjoy but little. *Gemini* (the *Twins*, ♊) is your constellation. ♊

You will reach a proportionable age; but you are liable to diseases of the breast and stomach, and will have a weak constitution. Guard your health carefully. ♋

There is considerable danger; let the physician take warning. Something is wrong in his treatment. ♌

The initial of your future partner, if you seek it, is T. If you ask of a thief, it is L; and it is frequently spoken. ♍

There will happen first three crosses; the fourth effort will bring success. But there will be, and now is, a bitter enemy in your way. ♎

Seven years hence will be the best part of your life. Your past life has been unfortunate, vexatious, and often crossed by fortune's frowns. ♏

Inconstancy and care will embitter a great part of your life; but you will, after your fortieth year, possess much gold and silver. ♐

A surprise awaits you in reference to the combatants; for he who is expected to lose the day will win. ♑

Only partly so. There are difficulties in the way, if the matter is intrusted to others, although your star claims the mastery. ♒

You must choose some public occupation, wherein the people at large have to do with; or sell wines and liquors, syrups, &c. ♓

At this very moment the ship is in great danger. ♄

A joyful scene; three merry adventures; a powerful friend; marriage, if single and of proper age. If married, birth of children; a long voyage; and a year of bad luck. ♃

This planet foretells storms and shipwrecks,

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♂ piracies and robberies. Begin not your journey this month.

♀ There is; you will taste of the joys of love and wedlock; and the stars show other flattering changes, and some not so real as flattering.

☿ You should not travel for three years; then go towards the south, and reside in cities, near merchandise warehouses.

☉ One described by the planet as a dark man will dodge your steps; and a pale red-haired man will cheat you. You are not fortunate at games of chance.

☽ Inconstant and changeable is your fate in this matter; and you know this by your own experience.

♌ Fortunate, probably; but a mighty change approaches: it is even at the door. Mark well what will happen.

♉ You will have a troublesome family, who will require all your exertions to provide for. One of your progeny, however, will be fortune's favourite.

✶ She will wed a witty and discreet person: one who will be her joy as well as her plague; one whom she will love, but at times quarrel with; he will be highly respectable; perhaps a fair-complexioned man.

△ The signs in your life give you a great advantage over your opponent; but there are omens of deceit in writings, oaths, and promises.

□ Search near fireplaces for any thing, if you have mislaid it; if it be small, in jars or shut-up receptacles. But if it is stolen, you will never recover it.

♌ You will marry one you will love, who will be discreet, but possessing qualities that will cause you to have less freedom than you now have.

⊕ On a WEDNESDAY will occur the most remarkable event of your life; and on that day of the week you will be fortunate, but unfortunate on THURSDAY. You will have good cause to remember one of these days.

If you ask of money, it will; of a marriage, or

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intrigue, or pleasure of any kind, it will not. If you seek of aught else, it is dubious. +

If you ask of a particular day, it will be contrary to your wishes, whatever they may be; and the same if of any particular season of the year. * *

A great change in three years; another and better one after that. ×

Trust not every friend; but if you are sincere when you ask, your wishes are fulfilled. * * *

J.

The friend you ask after is as you wish now; but this does not refer to the future, which may be different. Be careful a year hence. ♈

Had you not better consider more seriously? There will assuredly be a change, if you remain. ♉

There are signs of some deceit and delay. ♊

MARS is your star. Your fate is thus: one with whom fortune will play many frolicsome games; you will be rich, and yet poor; honourable in reputation, but void of real friends. CANCER (the Crab, ♋) is your constellation. ♋

In your twenty-second, thirty-fifth, forty-first, and forty-second years, expect maladies; in the earlier part of life, accidents; but a fair chance of long life lies before you. ♌

The state of the sick person is dangerous for three days hence: the third week decides the whole matter. ♍

If you ask of a lover, the initial is R, and the name is one of frequent occurrence; if of any other unknown party, it is D, and a quaint strange name. ♎

Seven days hence, something will happen that will materially affect your wishes. ♏

After your fortieth year, your planet wanes: therefore make the best of her gay and favourable gifts, that you may not die in obscurity. ♐

Your destiny will be as inconstant as the elements: a fate now steeped in sorrow, now fraught with joy, now rich, now depressed, but never poor. This is your lot in life. ♑

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♒ Three times will a peacemaker try to part them; but if they fight, the shortest wins.

♓ The planets are on your side, and the omens are flattering. If your adventure be of aught but love, you will succeed wonderfully.

♄ In none on your account; but seek rather some place, office, or inferior situation; you may gain by churches, vaults, graves, and dreary mansions.

♃ Even while the vessel sails through the foaming billows, a mighty star tells you she is safe.

♂ If married, a son and daughter; if single, marriage; two funerals; a narrow escape; a false friend; an honest adviser; six months of very good fortune.

♀ All things go contrary to you in this respect: by land, perils will attend your steps; by water, a sudden alarm; therefore be careful.

☿ Take advantage of fortune when she offers; be on your guard; and there will be ground for rejoicing; but some imprudence may mar all.

☉ To the east, if by land; to the south, if by water; but you are not fortunate in travelling for seven seasons,—a year and nine months.

☽ One will face you, who will cheat and lure you to loss. Be cautious: evil omens are now around; escape them if you can.

♌ This foretells three friends: one dark and tall; one fair, and near you; and one female. But a private enemy at this instant is against you.

♉ He (or she) is in danger from enemies, and now subject to trouble both of body and mind; but he (or she) will escape them.

✶ Some of your family will be born to power and command; some more unfortunate; but none born to any particular calamity, though subject to cares.

△ To marry one both tall and handsome; one from a distant part, and a fortunate person.

□ There are three opponents in this case,—one whom you least expect; a delay will arise to vex you; but be of good cheer.

Things lost are totally so, and will never be

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recovered. Stolen things you will hear of, and *may* recover. ♂

To marry a dark female, dark eyes and hair; one born at a remote distance; who will live happily with you a long time, and bring you money. ⊕

THURSDAY is the day of greatest note; SUNDAY the worst day, and FRIDAY the best; the fifth day of the moon you will have cause to remember after twenty-two. +

It may, possibly; there are some signs favourable, others unfavourable. ✳✳

If you ask of a particular day, the weather will be pleasant; if of any month or season of the year, the omens are dubious, and can give no answer. ×

The mysterious stars assuredly bespeak for you better fortune than you have already enjoyed. Be gay and joyful. All things will work well in two years; and even in a year they become better. ✳✳✳

K.

Three times there will be evil changes; then there will pass seven weeks with no change; after that, there is hope. ♈

The signs are variable; some are better than others; but the result of your wishes is far from promising. ♉

You cannot remove at present; some time—say three months—must need elapse before you will have the requisites; but the omens promise fairly enough. ♊

After several secret anxieties, after numerous disappointments, it will. ♋

Your life is diversified; SATURN rules it: you will, however, be enriched by the labours of others. ♌

There are signs of a weak constitution visible; but the life-planet gives a better prospect. ♍

A speedy relapse; but in a month all signs of sickness will be gone. ♎

If you seek after the name of a lover, or one whom you would wish to marry, it is I or E, ♏

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and a long name, seldom spoken in conversation, and easily sounded; if of a thief, it is V or W.

♐ There are still a few fortunate signs left to you, one of which says you shall.

Ill luck reigns from twenty to twenty-five; better luck, from twenty-eight to thirty; evil, from thirty-

♑ two to forty; and afterwards, the planets promise good fortune.

Beginning in trouble even until the asker's

♒ middle age, fate will cross and gainsay your endeavours; but, after all, riches and dignities are your lot.

It is to be doubted whether a battle will take

♓ place; if it should, the weakest will win.

The planets imply a fate most perplexing; and

♄ the adventure, therefore, will happen accordingly.

By bargaining and selling in goods used by the

♃ rich; and if not, follow in the footsteps of some powerful person. You are fortunate.

In the midst of a deep sea a storm will arise that

♂ will astound the hearts of the boldest seamen.

Love, marriage, friendship—three noted events in any one's life. Moreover, you will four times re-

♀ move, twice travel, once have damage by fire, lose a relative, be elevated and depressed, and, finally, hail your good fortune.

Take heed you are not robbed; look well after

☿ your purse, and keep an eye on your associates. The signs are mixed and somewhat dangerous.

There will be a change within twenty-nine days

☉ hence, two others in fifty-eight days, and a still greater one a month later.

You had better reside near the water, either

☽ creek, river, bay, or sea. In travelling and removing a great part of your life will be spent.

Even on your winning, there are signs of care

☊ and trouble; and there may be disappointment and sorrow.

Many private enemies you are to have in life, and

☋ but few real friends are visible; therefore cherish them.

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Of late trouble was visible, but now the star of his (or her) fate is better placed. ✳

Twice will the goddess Fortune visit your dwelling, and each time will one of your offspring experience her goodness. The signs are certain. △

To be terribly mortified, vexed, and crossed therein is your lot; but you will afterwards marry, of which you may rest assured. □

Petty jarrings and troubles will arise in the affair, and, it may be, a false witness; for some of the planets show malignity, tediousness, and irritability. ♂

If things have been lost, seek near a door, or shelf raised above the ground, or where there is but little light; also near iron. If a theft has been committed, the author is a young person, with small legs, quick in walking, full of talk and business, and not a common thief. ⊕

You will marry a prudent, sensible person; fair, grey eyes; one born near you, met by chance, and who has rich relatives; these will despise or contemn you. +

The longest day in the year, 21st or 22nd of *June*, will be one of the most noted days in your fate; but MONDAY is always prosperous for you in your adventures, business, and designs. ✳✳

Several of the signs speak affirmatively; probably in love or friendship. There is something foreshadowed, which is very prosperous. ×

Do you ask of to-morrow, or of a certain day near at hand? If so, it will be cloudy and rainy; if you ask of a season of the year, the air will be foul, cloudy, and unwholesome. ✳✳♃

L.

In winter, clouds and rain; in summer, fine weather, but stormy at intervals; in autumn, thunder; in spring, thunder, clouds, and hail. ♈

Next month changes it; yet it may not be for any good, but hereafter it will be so. ♉

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You have slanderers and backbiters, and the
♊ planets say these are not far from you; but you have at least one faithful friend, which is a rarity.

If you wish to remove, do it quickly; for it is
♎ evident, by these signs, that delays herein will foment strife and breed dissensions.

Even while you inquire, the promise may be
♌ broken or put off, so that it will vex you.

VENUS is your ruling star; your fate in life will cause you to travel, to traverse distant lands, to see
♍ strange kingdoms, and to return to your native country in prosperity. *Virgo* (the Virgin, ♍) is your constellation.

There are many signs of weakness and debility: health is the surest guide to long life; but it would
♒ be too flattering to speak to you of the duration of your existence.

The sick person will be in extreme danger, and
♏ some *wrong* treatment may effect the perfect cure.

If of a lover you ask, E is the letter, — a short
♐ name. If of a thief, there are two concerned; one whose initial is I, the other, D; and the names are uncouth.

The planets for a little season are opposed to you,
♑ and perverse omens will thwart you; but, despair not, all will be as you wish hereafter.

If you are a female who ask, between the ages of nineteen and twenty-two fortune will be perverse;
♒ if a male, imprisonment may be near, but after thirty-five is the best season of your life. Beware of thirty-nine, it is a dangerous year.

Fortune's gifts without your seeking will raise
♓ you to wealth, which you will afterwards lose.

They will not fight. Were they to do so, death
♄ would claim both.

On the third day from this, the planets denote a
♃ variety, perhaps a change of intentions. Within twenty-nine days it will be decided.

In laborious trades, where others will be employed;
♂ also in the handicrafts of life and useful arts; but there are signs of humble life for many years first.

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It was in a lucky hour the ship sailed; for the star VENUS gives pleasure, and a safe return after a delay. ♀

A voyage; two accidents,—one by fire, one by the fall of a ponderous weight; a death to vex you; five journeys; a change of friends; two years of good fortune; several surprises. ☿

It is; but seek not for gain; the signs are those of safety, but not of profit, or of enriching yourself by any procedure of the kind. ☉

Evil fortune will be manifest in twenty-nine days; but there is a great change ere the year is out, and travelling, or a removal. ☽

Due east, if you wish for gain; due north, if for health; but choose generally seaport towns. ♌

Failures, falsehoods, and cheatings are too visible in the stars to speak of gain: therefore, beware! ♉

Enemies are quite manifest; but there is a powerful friend approaching. ✳

Lately he (or she) was in grief and trouble; but the signs have changed, and better omens are visible. △

One child will be born to vex you; two will thrive in the world; but, generally speaking, you will not be fortunate with your family. □

To marry one after manifold crosses and perplexities; and even then there will be want of money. ♂

There are tokens of bribery in this sign, as well as much falsehood, which will materially affect your interests. Be as much on your guard as you can. ⊕

They will never be found, if lost; if stolen, part may be hereafter seen, but never recovered. That was a cunning thief, and all hopes of recovery are futile. +

You will marry a virtuous lady, but your friend will oppose the match. You have seen and conversed with her already. ✳✳

WEDNESDAY the most noted day for good fortune; SATURDAY for evil; and the seventeenth day of every month will be a day of great note. ×

Three or four stars augur favourably; but a

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plain featured; one a beloved and esteemed character.

+ A dark, cross, elderly man, will be the cause of your losing the suit. He is thin-visaged.

✳✳ If you seek for lost things, look in jars, pots, or pent-up places, or in vaults or cellars. If they are stolen, the thieves are far off.

× Do not marry early in life, fortune will cross you in every direction. If you be a widower, you will have your match in wedlock.

✳✳✳ SATURDAY is the most fortunate day for you, and you will die on that day; but the ninth day of every month will be of great import in your life. Your birthday is unfortunate. Do no business on that day.

N.

♈ THURSDAY is the chief day of your life, both in adversity and prosperity. Look to your past life and you will find it so. The month of *January* will ever be unfortunate to you; and the waning of the moon (from full moon to new moon) will always prove fatal for business.

♉ "All is not gold that glitters," therefore do not be too sanguine in your expectations. The stars are not wholly for you.

♊ Fine clear weather in summer; mild and warm in winter; torrents of rain in autumn; and showers in spring. If you ask of a day, it will be pleasant.

♋ Do you know the dangers that are before you? It would seem not; but hereafter there is much good. You would do well to improve it.

♌ Your friend is as true as you could wish; but take care you do not try his (or her) spirit overmuch.

♍ You cannot remove early enough to seize the first of the good planetary bearings above you. But remove as soon as convenient.

♎ It is a sign of a narrow mind to trust too little; and yet you must not trust too much: there are

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signs of deceit, which warn you to be on your guard; but they are not overpowering.

You are born under the planet MARS. Bend the sails of your desires to a good harbour, and be cautious of the rocks that are to be met with on the passage. Your fate is a remarkable one,—strange, marvellously so. ♏

Your disposition threatens to embitter your existence, and well-nigh shorten your life; curb this, and there is hope. ♐

Relapse; therefore look well to the physician; it may be there are blunders in the treatment. ♑

If of love, L is the letter,—a short name. If anyone else, U. ♒

Hope, the deceiver of the human heart, will urge you on; but there are defects in these signs to-day. Try to-morrow. ♓

In the morning of your life, happy; in the noon appears a sombre cloud; yet a rainbow of hope surrounds your fate for a season. Your middle age, from thirty-three to fifty-two, is the best. ♄

Why seek riches? But the stars allot you many years of good fortune. ♃

The strife will be cruel, and one will lose life; that one is he whom you think will be victor. ♂

You have the goodly star VENUS to protect you; and a little caution will secure your adequate success, at least equal to what you deserve. ♀

By keeping stores of books, papers, and publishing the writings of others, and by manufacturing and selling the medicines of those living in the west and south; for you are evidently under the planet MERCURY, which makes a person of clever talent and mind. ☿

The stars foretell boisterous and stormy weather, which will cause great danger; but one good star protects. ☉

Sickness and disease; three funerals; one wedding; two births; seven great changes; a gross fraud; a loss by theft; an alarm by fire; an adventure. ☽

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♌ You must take heed, and there will be safety.

♉ There are four changes—one of residence; one of friends; one of money; and one in pursuits.

✱ If you travel, let it be inland, and near mountains and hills; avoid salt water; if you choose a residence, let it be in high parts of towns or cities.

△ There are indicated signs of winning; therefore, be not murmuring and repining. Good fortune is before you.

□ There is a sign of a bitter enemy; take heed that you are not the dupe of evil deceivers.

♋ Deeply in trouble; for there are signs of manifold heaviness and cares mingled with many unlucky forebodings.

⊕ Some of your family will rise to be rich in money and goods; some will lord it over you, some go far away, but one will comfort you.

+ To marry a dark, tall man, with hazel eyes and brown hair, who will be the heir to wealth.

⁝✱ A friend will forsake you; an enemy rise up suddenly; a heap of cares must be passed through before better omens appear: therefore your suit is troublesome.

× Stolen things are too far away to be recovered; but if you ask of lost things, look in closets and drawers.

✱✱✱ You are doomed to many disappointments; but there are after omens, which promise success; and you will enjoy your wishes herein after a delay.

O.

♈ You will have a great adventure in love, and a surprise in marriage; but you will be lucky therein, which is a great deal.

♉ Monday and Friday are your chief days of fortune; but when the Moon is in *Taurus* (this sign ♉, which you can ascertain in any almanac), then is your prosperous time.

♊ Your inquiry, it is more than likely, is vain; if not, it is fickle, and insincere: try once more—an hour from this time.

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If you ask of a day, it will be wet; if of any season of the year, the weather will be unpleasant, and contrary to your mind, wishes, and desires. ♋

It may; but there is one aspect of the planets which foretells something untoward at first. ♌

The friend is well-conditioned, and will not easily be persuaded to relinquish the connection that now is entertained. ♍

The stars proclaim good and faithful friends, which may cause you to change your intentions. ♎

The planets are threatening wiles and deceits: you must form your own judgment, and take care that you ask not "mountains" where even "mole-hills" are too much. ♏

Thus runs your fate: once near imprisonment, but saved by a sudden stroke of fortune; twice high in reputation; two downfalls; a series of evil fortunes; once in power; but never rich. VENUS is your star; *Libra* (the Scales ♎) is your constellation. ♐

Something points to a peculiar destiny: to be near death between thirty-two and forty-three. If you get past that period you will be long-lived. ♑

Twenty-nine days bring a change. ♒

If you wish to know of a thief, it is B; if of a lover, D is the letter, and a short name. ♓

Beware of your actions; look well to your desires, for there is an evil omen before you. Signs of trouble are dimly seen. Be on your most circumspect guard. ♄

You will be rich before any great age is attained; and the stars will often be on your side in a marvellous manner. ♃

Dissimulations, labours, and cares will often beset you; and there is foreshadowed a world of difficulties; but you will finally overcome all enemies. ♂

A feminine influence is at work, which will prevent the combat, and both parties will be bound to peace. ♀

Three times, the stars say, you will be thwarted

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☿ in your designs before it will be as you think and wish.

⊙ Work in metals; deal in fruits or the produce of the earth, or in gold, silver, or steel; adventuring in merchandise will enrich you.

☽ Furiously will the storm rage and howl; deep and dark the abyss over which the ship is led by a single thread of fate; but she will return safe.

☊ Many surprising events, and some good ones also.

☋ Voyage not at all, neither travel, if you seek either wealth, health, or safety; a great danger is threatened.

✳ There is none of any evil import; and if there were, a friendly star protects you.

△ Eastward, southward, or westward, but not northward. Move to a low land, close to a town well peopled, and near a river.

□ Do you say win? Expect rather a loss first.

☌ There are many enemies, and but few, very few, real friends.

⊕ Your friend is about to travel, or return from where he (or she) is now, and then you will know.

\+ There are three omens of sorrow? but there is one exceedingly happy. You will assuredly in the end be fortunate in your family.

✳✳ To marry a rich elderly man if she chooses; but let her beware of marrying a youthful spendthrift, —to which her thoughts and inclinations now bend.

× The suit will be postponed, and some doubt will arise relative to the cause of the weakest party, but *you* stand well now.

✳✳✳ Look near cellars and cisterns for lost goods. If a theft has been committed, you will hear tidings hereafter. If of gold or silver, you will never recover it: it has been meltéd ere this.

P.

♈ Give up your search for stolen things, for you are over-reached in the matter. If goods are lost,

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search near fireplaces, near brick walls, and near where coal and wood are kept.

You are too general a lover, and, besides, fickle-minded. You will have many fair chances, but few real opportunities to marry well. ♉

FRIDAY will be that day; besides the eleventh day of every month is an important one in your fate. ♊

The stars now are not over-fraught with good towards you, but something imperceptibly may arise to alter your fortune. ♋

If you ask of a particular day, it will be dry; but if of a season, in summer, it will be a mixture of fair, wet, and dry; in winter, hazy and cold; in spring, lowering; in autumn, stormy. ♌

The constellation now ascendant speaks of a change, and for the better, in a month hence; after that change—say three months—comes a bitter disappointment. ♍

The planets tell of flattery and untruth; but there is a doubt whether or not it be the person you inquire after, or another. ♎

Remove not: give your present place of abode another trial. ♏

Both the party promising and the thing promised are here indicated to be fleeting. ♐

MERCURY is your planet; *Gemini* (the Twins, ♊) is your constellation. To be immersed in labours and cares when young; and when old, happiness is your lot. ♑

You will have many escapes from death in infancy, youth, and mature age, and yet outlive them all. ♒

Recovery is certain. ♓

If you ask of a lover, or the one you will wed, E is the letter,—and a name longer than ordinary. If of a thief, P,—and a short name. ♄

You shall in truth attain to what you now seek, and that speedily. ♃

Rough and stormy between fifteen and twenty-two; active and changeable between twenty-three

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and twenty-eight; flattering between twenty-nine and thirty-one; truly unlucky between thirty-two
♂ and thirty-three; very prosperous many times afterwards; and more especially between forty and forty-five years of age.

The planets denote afflictions through woman, and the joys of prosperity, that will once cast you
♀ down; but you will rise again a year after your fall.

Falsehood and bribes will pass between the
☿ parties; one will flee from the other; and that one is the best able to conquer.

☉ If you consult in earnest, you shall have your wish.

You will be enriched by inheritance; but in
☽ general dealings, barterings, buying, and exchanging, and in travelling, you will also enrich yourself.

Three days hence, some storm that threatens the
☊ vessel will pass away, and then there is no more danger.

An illegitimate offspring or untimely intrigue; a short but severe sickness; three journeys; one
☋ voyage; two changes in business; a loss of money; a huge labour; an infirmity; a persecution; a friend; a funeral; and great gains.

In travel by land there are no signs of any par-
✱ ticular evil, but what you may overcome; by water the planets are ominous of evil.

Ninety days hence the star of your fortune will
△ enter a less cloudy atmosphere: this bids you hope, at least.

Due north; but if not there, north-west, avoiding
□ the south and south-east. But it would be imprudent for you to travel for a year yet.

The planets deny winning; they threaten, more-
☌ over, that you are likely to lose. Better gamble not at all.

One false and deceitful planet is visible. Enemies,
⊕ is the starry reply.

A stroke of fortune, apparently evil, shows visibly
+ in the heavens; but the trouble is soon no more.

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You will, and one of your offspring will be potent and renowned. ✳✳

Look well to your intentions, lady; the course of your love will be that of a shallow brook, which, dashing over numerous impediments, is yet thwarted by a mountain. A prudent husband, however, is your lot, after the trouble of getting him is past. ×

It would be better for you to seek some means of agreement in this matter. ✳✳✳

Q.

Beware of deceitful things. There is something wrong about those who will try to advise you in this matter. ♈

If of lost things, look in low, obscure places, jars, cupboards, or vaults. If of theft, trouble yourself no more: you are doomed to be a victim. ♉

To marry one who will bring money; a fair elegant female; but to have domestic broils and discords, and impediments in the way of happiness. ♊

WEDNESDAY is one of the most remarkable days out of the whole seven; and on that day, at a certain period of your life (not far off), something will happen that will permanently fix your future destiny. ♋

The stars say not in favour of money; but they are good in friends, love, and pleasure. ♌

Wet and windy in summer; in autumn, cold and cloudy; in winter, frigid and frosty; in spring, severe. If you ask of a day it will be stormy, especially if the moon be past the full. ♍

There will be some more evil first; then a cessation; but it is some three months yet ere a beneficial change comes. ♎

Expect the worst, and hope for the best; then draw a middle line between the two: even so is the truth in this matter. ♏

Quickly remove: in three months' time some remarkable event will happen in your dwelling; and it is of this that the stars forewarn you. ♐

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♑ Neither be lifted up with foolish joy nor despair; the promise will be in part fulfilled; but were it all fulfilled, you would not be satisfied.

♌ The Sun, and *Leo* (the Lion ♌). Be of good cheer; you will rise to renown and great esteem among your friends and kindred. Many will envy you; but few will reach the pinnacle of your fate. Gold and silver too are your portion.

♓ The stars do not promise long life. But a life well spent is the main matter.

♄ Doubtless the stars are threatening; the omens are cross and evil-predictive; but try what medicine can avail the sick.

♃ N, if you ask of a lover; Y or V, if of a thief: in either case, it is a strange name, seldom spoken.

♂ After three heavy crosses and five cares, the desire will be partly fulfilled. But one described by Mars (with red hair), a bigot, or wrathful man, will thwart you.

♀ After forty-three, and before twenty-two; and you will owe your rise in life to many mysterious circumstances.

☿ An ominous star overwhelms your destiny in youth and middle age; when it recedes, you will drink of the cup of joy; but first there is woe.

☉ The tall, light-haired man with rosy visage is the victor; but a strange tumult arises first.

☽ The stars are not for you; they are against you.

♒ Fortune will favour you mostly in private life; yet you will be prosperous in the useful arts and mechanics. But by all means avoid the sea.

♉ Look not into this matter now too deeply. The planets seem baleful, and danger is abroad.

✱ First to be worse off than you now are; suddenly your fortune will change; then a relapse; a journey; a grievous malady; a death of a relative; as also of five friends or acquaintances; a wedding feast; a foe; and good fortune after all.

△ If you set off on a lucky day, and choose the best opportunities, you will go safe as to person and purse.

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One may happen, but it is not for a year yet. Next year fortune favours you better than ever. □

East and eastward, seek to reside in inland, dry, and populous towns, avoiding the evils of places adjacent to water; if you travel, let it be either east or west, but in no other direction; you would do better not to travel. ☌

The planets show favourably; but so arranged that few are fortunate in the game but cheats and swindlers. ⊕

Three certain friends are yours; but there is a bitter, back-biting enemy. You have, moreover, a rival; do not be off your guard. +

The omens speak of safety and success. ✶✶

You are not sincere enough now to know in reference to your family. No answer is given; try again an hour hence. ×

To marry an expert and clever person, whom you will love, and who will adore you; but beware of jealousy. ✶✶⚹

R.

The signs indicate a prosperous marriage, with one tall and good-looking, with brown hair; a great favourite with both sexes. ♈

Perchance you will be somewhat subject to vexation and sorrow; but there are signs of success, unless some unseen false witness arises against you. ♉

More than one thief did this deed, if you inquire of a thing stolen; and part thereof will be recovered. If articles are lost, look in high rooms and garrets. ♊

There are visible but few signs of marriage: be on your guard against the fair lures of VENUS, whose enticements, if unlawful, are ever roses surrounded by thorns. You must be very cautious, or there is trouble for you in this matter. ♋

SUNDAY and FRIDAY will be the most noted days in your life: the latter day the most eventful. Avoid doing business of any kind on the thirteenth day of every month. ♌

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♍ You will have some trouble in the matter before the wish you harbour in regard to this day will be fulfilled.

♎ Snow, sleet, and piercing winds in winter; unusual rains in spring; but in summer or autumn, usually warmer than generally happens. If you ask of a particular day, that day will be pleasant.

♏ After a series and succession of particular cares and diversities, the planets denote good.

♐ If you ask in sincerity, you may expect truth in your friend, for the stars are favourably placed.

♑ Try the oracle at another time. The stars now deny answer to your question.

♒ The planet SATURN bears rule; and this star indicates great disappointments.

♓ Born under the constellation *Capricorn* (the Goat, ♑), with MARS as the ruling planet. Many sudden strokes of good fortune are visible—travelling, and an eminent name or title, among them.

♄ Pursue a path of temperance and sobriety, avoid evil riotings and abuse of health, and a long life will be yours.

♃ Whatever appearances may portend, the planets promise health.

♂ There are three competitors for your hand, and the initial cannot be found. But if you ask of a thief, the name is long, and begins with "O."

♀ Conspiracies will be organised; but you may.

☿ The first seven, the second seven, and the fifth seven years are the best in fortune, counting from your birth.

☉ Content and sorrow are intermixed in your life; but reason and virtue may guide you happily through the mazes of fortune.

☽ The tallest is likely to become the victor; but the aspects of the planets, as they now are, are uncertain.

☊ Some difficulties are near; but they are not irrevocable disappointments; and some of the planets are fortunate.

The stars foreshadow evil and melancholy. Per-

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haps you are brooding over some misfortune: therefore ask the question a day or two hence. ♉

Storms and tempests are indicated; but the planets will protect the ship and save her. ✶

Great prejudice by means of women; a tedious journey; a sudden rise in fortune; a burial; a wedding; a feast; if wedded, a birth; if single, marriage; a great loss; a removal; a fear of loss by fire or thieves. △

Evidently not: the signs are ominous enough. □

Work, danger, sorrow and care, are now chiefly foreshadowed; but four months will bring a change for the better. ♌

Keep in the populous cities and towns; if you roam, return to where you now are. ⊕

Gaming sometimes is successful. In your case it brings trouble: avoid it. +

One enemy,—a dark, bitter person; but this is balanced by a tall, fair friend. Two supporters of your credit are near, and your lot is to overcome foes. ✶✶

Something singular and remarkable, you may rest assured, is even now happening, or on the eve of happening to him (or her). ×

The stars of heaven speak affirmatively in the matter. ✶✶✶

S.

Your offspring will be bold and venturesome; the greater part of them will be fortunate in the main. ♈

You will find it more difficult than you imagine, to meet with unalloyed happiness in wedlock. ♉

Provided you hearken to the advice of the stars, and follow the wishes of the wise, you may perhaps gain. ♊

Look for lost things near ornaments, or in repositaries of apparel. If of stolen goods you ask, there are forty chances against twenty that you will never recover them. ♋

Hymen's yoke will at times press heavily upon you; but contentment helps towards happiness. ♎

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Every fourth and fourteenth day of the month will be either sorrowful or anxious enough; and the most remarkable day in your life will be a MONDAY.

The planets rather tend to good fortune in this matter.

In winter, sleet and storms; in spring, hail and lightning; in summer, clouds and unhealthy weather; in autumn, serene. If you ask, however, of any particular day, it will be opposed to your expectations.

There are evident signs that it will.

It cannot be doubted that he now is; but the stars will not vouch that he will remain so over three months.

You should not remove under a year and six months.

If the promise was made after the full moon, and before the new moon came, it will.

VENUS, MERCURY, and JUPITER are allotted to you as the genii of your fate; and your constellations are *Aquarius* (the Waterman ♒), and *Pisces* (the Fishes ♓). You will have a fortune of a marvellous kind; and there is little doubt that you will become noted and rich; but there will also be some heavy calamities.

There is a singular malady foreshadowed in three years; but you will yet be long-lived.

Doubt is implied by the stars; and one in the house of the sick person shares this doubt: there is danger to come, but recovery is certain.

M, if you seek in relation to love or marriage—and a name of mean length; if you ask of a theft, the initial is R—a short, uncouth name.

If your desire is in regard to business, removals, journeys, or ought else but love, you will.

Between the ages of thirty-two and forty-five years, and the beginning and the extreme of life.

This may be doubted; for so mutable is the star that relates to this question, that it is never certain.

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The darkest of the combatants will be the successful victor. ♌

Laborious enough, and requiring all your thoughtful industry. ♍

Wealth will come to you slowly, but trouble quickly in any business; merchandise and the sea are the best. Never loan your money or your name. ✶

The ship has been in extreme jeopardy; sickness, if not death, is aboard; contrary winds, sunken rocks, unseen impediments are before her; but fortune still favours her, and she will end her voyage in safety. △

You will receive many a boon of fickle fortune; but, in spite of the favours of the gentle sex, do not steel your heart against the voice of pity. The other bearings of the planets foretell a wedding; a long and perilous voyage; and numerous changes. □

To travel now, or for a year to come, is unfortunate. ♂

There will be changes in fate, fortune, and destiny; and, moreover, you will be very unsettled for eight months to come. ⊕

By travelling due east you will gain in love, friendship, and probably a gentle wife; by going north, there is misfortune. +

Assuredly the planets indicate prosperity, either in what you inquire about or something equivalent. ✶✶

You have more friends; though not long ago it was the reverse of this. ×

Your fortune for two years past has been as changeable as the fickle moon; but your friend proposes shortly to return. ✶✶✶

T.

At present, and for some time past, the signs indicate a troublesome season; but it changes a week hence. Good planets will soon shine. ♈

A daughter good and beautiful; a son who will rise to wisdom and eminence; another who will be ♉

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rich in money and goods. These will spring from your destiny.

♊ To meet with a gay and gallant admirer, who will torment her, and afterwards she will marry richly. She will be very happy.

♋ Infinite trouble and ill-luck are foreshadowed in this matter. Expect the worst.

♌ Stolen articles in part will be recovered: but lost goods are out of the house, and will never be found.

♍ Be faithful to the object of your choice; she will be worthy. Such flatterers as you seldom have the best luck in marriage. You are more fortunate than many general admirers like you.

♎ MONDAY; but the twenty-first of every month will be the most remarkable day.

♏ Extraordinary precautions are requisite; the planets bear the impress of evil.

♐ Clear and open, in general, especially if you seek the fate of a day, a week, or a short span of time; but if you ask of a month or three months, it will be doubtful.

♑ In three months it will change; and in three years three changes for the better will take place.

♒ A constellation bears rule in your destiny which foretells fidelity.

♓ Remove in a short season, and go westward.

♄ If a dark man promised it, it will not; neither will it be fulfilled if it concerns, in any way, money matters; but the signs are favourable to steadfast adherents.

♃ Born under the SUN, *Aries* (the Ram, ♈) and *Taurus* (the Bull, ♉) are your constellations. They foretell a long life, a great name, wealth, and happiness. But three times in early years are you doomed to a singular peril.

♂ The stars show evil testimonies. Better seek what you now wish to know at another time,—a week hence.

♀ A good planet promises health.

If you ask in relation to love or wedlock, the

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initial is I or J; but if of a thief, it is S,—and a tediously spoken name. ☿

Conspiracies are visible; but there are many signs of success. ☉

Your friendly star looks smilingly between the thirtieth and fortieth years; but before twenty-two, and after forty, take heed; there will be trouble. ☽

It is given you to outlive your contemporaries, outlive your relations, and die rich; yet there are several toils and struggles in your life. ☊

A bloodless fight, if they come to blows. Money will overcome their anger. ☋

It is; three planets say so. ✳

By the skilful bartering of moveables, by the investment of other men's money, and by articles of luxury, you would enrich yourself. △

Storms will delay the vessel: her progress is slow, and there is great danger. □

There are scenes of peril, danger, and loss: then comes a friendly star, and aids your endeavours: after this you will be a terror to your enemies; but there are signs of sickness. To sum up all, the next seven years are the *trial* years of your life. ☌

If you choose an auspicious hour and a safe vessel, you need have no fear, but do not go travelling on foot or on horseback. ⊕

Twice the stars allot a change,—once good, once evil. +

To whatever part of the world you go, money will be yours. ✳✳

When engaged in play, deceivers will be near you: do not forget it, and be cautious of what you stake. ×

Several rancorous opponents are visible; but still there is *one* good friend who will be near you ever. ✳✳⚹

U.

The planets are certainly fortunate; be thankful. ♈

Acquaintances, and numerous ones, are in your fate, but few real friends. ♉

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♊ Your friend proceeds cheerfully to fulfil the destiny allotted to him (or her), and is in good health.

♋ The planets foreshadow a numerous progeny, and a fortunate one.

♌ The yoke of Hymen will be imposed upon her by the soft hands of love, and she will be contented and happy.

♍ This is a sign of confusion in papers or writings: be watchful in proceeding, there is one who owes you a grudge.

♎ Search for things lost in the chamber of the mistress of the house. Stolen things are irrecoverable.

♏ After partaking of the bitter waters of disappointment, and drinking for a time of the sweets of love, you will marry a highly accomplished and handsome lady.

♐ SUNDAY is a more remarkable day than any other in your life: you will either wed on that day, or something of infinite importance will happen.

♑ Fickle and versatile stars proclaim fear of evil and annoyance.

♒ If you ask of a certain day, it will be stormy or obscure; if of the winter season, it will be generally frosty; if of spring, fair and mild; if of summer, cold and heavy.

♓ It is likely that it may.

♄ The planets give a woeful and evil testimony.

♃ It is better (within two months) to remove.

♂ Not, if of money, or if of love, if a female is asking the question; but if a male inquires, the smiles of VENUS are promised.

♀ The SUN and MERCURY are your ruling planets. Your fate is thus: at times fortune's favourite; at others, her football; you will roam through restless scenes, travel, and experience numerous vicissitudes.

☿ The signs now cannot be depended upon.

☉ A recovery is certainly near at hand.

☽ I, if of wedlock, love, or marriage; D, if of any other person whatever.

Signs.

Possibly you may. ♌

Be not thrifty over-much: it is not ordained for you to be rich for some years to come. ♉

Nothing is beyond the reach of genius, when pursued by perseverance. Science opens for the industrious a path strewn with roses: therefore persevere. ✶

The darkest of the two will be vanquished. △

Fortune says *no* to this matter. □

By the exertion of your talents, or by travelling, and by supplying the wants of the rich. ☌

Three times the ship will be in imminent danger, and once nearly lost. ⊕

An irregular train of events,—some flattering enough, some the reverse; a journey by land; change of habitation; trouble by scandalous falsehood; gain by the death of another; many gifts, many crosses, many losses. +

It is both good and safe. ✶✶

There is one approaching: take advantage of it. ×

You may travel southward; but you would do better to remain in one place. ✶✶✶

V.

At best the aspect of your affairs is deceitful, and you will do well to remember the caution here given. Be careful in whom you confide. ♈

In trouble, for there are numerous planets that so indicate, and one of them assumes a threatening aspect. ♉

In your family, fortune will run variously,—neither flattering nor depressing, although at times inclining to either. ♊

Three times you will be in love; but scarcely in one instance will it be returned. Yet you will, ultimately, wed well. ♋

A bribe, or some treachery, is portended; and there is a doubt whether your side of the cause is conducted well. ♌

A diligent search will recover lost things, or

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♍ a chief part of them; but if stolen, the loss is certain.

♎ Your fate is to marry early, to follow your wife to the grave, then wed and win a fortune thereby.

♏ TUESDAY is your most fortunate day; and the sixteenth day of every month will be noted, eventful, and singular, both for good and evil.

♐ By a strict attention to certain particulars, it may.

♑ If you ask of any season of the year, it will be dry and pleasant; if of a day, it will be the reverse. Generally, the weather will be satisfactory.

♒ It will be some time first; for there are omens of evil around your house.

♓ The planets foretell annoyance where friendship should be rather expected. Beware of the hypocrisy and dissembling of pretended friends.

♄ You are controlled by a mighty power, the impress of which is even now on your fate: therefore, a removal must be done cautiously.

♃ Benevolent constellations, which now reign, will insure a fulfilment.

♂ The MOON'S influence, and *Cancer* (the Crab ♋), prevail over your fate: you will travel far and near, roam and return, frequently in distress, but never overcome.

♀ Twice will disease in your early life attempt to destroy your constitution; but if you live to forty-two you will be safe.

☿ The complaint will change.

☉ If of a thief you ask, the letter is F,—a short name; but if of love or marriage, the letter E is the initial.

☽ There will be impediments, probably a rival.

☊ Losses from twenty-two to twenty-eight; gains from thirty to thirty-five; persecutions, and foes, and trouble, for the next seven years; but it is your lot to enjoy a happy old age.

☋ Content and sorrow are astonishingly blended in your career; but reason and virtue will cause you to glide peaceably through them; yet you certainly will feel many of Fortune's frowns.

	Signs.
The red-haired person will have success.	✱
Let not your desires be inordinate; if you ask of a money matter, it will succeed well.	△
Deal in fruits or productions of the earth, or in the sale of light, portable, perishable articles.	□
Storms and tempests are threatened, and the vessel's fate is doubtful.	☌
The deaths of three relations; a particular elevation by means of a very unexpected circumstance; a journey; four changes,—three evil and one good; a legacy, and a victory over enemies.	⊕
Being now under evil planetary influences, it behoves you to have great caution in this matter.	+
Something of a change is at hand: your planet will soon be very fortunate.	✱✱
For gain, westward; for honour or fame, eastward; and your whole fate turns on a certain journey taken before another year.	×
A conspiracy is against you. Be active and on the alert.	✱✱✱

W.

Westward, avoiding the sea, navigable rivers, and large bodies of water.	♈
It may; but take care thereafter: those who play at hazard are rarely winners in the end.	♉
The signs are portentous of enemies and adversaries.	♊
For three months, at least, your friend will have evil luck.	♋
A son, born to be rich, two others skilled in the customs and arts of life, and divers lucky events, are allotted to you and your family.	♌
The bond of wedlock will unite her to a husband whom she will esteem, and who will make her happy.	♍
If it come up in the court within twenty-nine days, you will gain.	♎
Stolen things are not to be discovered; lost articles, however, will be found.	♏

Signs.

♐ To meet with all the happiness of a sympathetic union. You should ask for no more.

♑ WEDNESDAY is your best day; THURSDAY, the most noted; SATURDAY, the day of your evil fortune. The first day of the new moon is also evil for you.

♒ The signs indicate good fortune.

♓ In winter, floods, fogs, and rains; in summer, moist; in autumn, storms; in spring, hail and frost; but if you ask of a day, it is cloudy.

♄ There is danger from enemies: the planets indicate a poor condition; but a month will bring change.

♃ There is no doubt: away with your suspicions.

♂ It is unsafe, and dangerous to remove.

♀ The promise will hold, if it was made by a female; but if by one of the male sex, it is uncertain.

☿ VENUS and MERCURY are your planets. *Virgo* (the Virgin ♍), your constellation. Vainly will many of the paths of wealth open to you. Your prospects are fair and many; but some you will not embrace.

☉ The planets foretell a long and useful life.

☽ The sick person is improperly treated, and more than one relapse is foreshadowed.

☊ If of love and wedlock, R is the letter; if of a thief, or any other person, it is W,—and a name in common occurrence.

☋ The planets show trouble.

✶ The favours or fortune will be manifest in the more youthful and advanced stages of your life.

△ Your fate, though it does not promise a large amount of riches, is well enough. Be content.

□ The shortest and stoutest wins the day.

☌ There are evident signs of misfortune. The planets are clouded and unlucky.

⊕ By keeping a public place, by dealing with the wealthy, and by working in silver and gold you will prosper.

+ Many dangers will surround the ship; and death may scent his victims from afar.

An intersection, or cross in your fortunes, which

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will cause murmurings and misfortunes, sickness, repining; a bad beginning, but a good ending; many dangers and journeys; and many changes for the better. ⁂

The day of the week ought to be attended to in this case; it were well for you to shun FRIDAY. ×

A very great change. Something of great import will shortly happen to you. ⁂

Your fate is at present unsettled, and prone to change. ♈

Eastward and southward, avoiding the other parts of the country or globe, and dwelling near navigable rivers. ♉

By the exertion of a little diligence, you may win. ♊

The stars speak of friends. ♋

The absent will soon return. ♌

If a male, you will have a family born to achieve the heights of fortune, and to be famous in their day and generation; if a female, the stars are now doubtful. ♍

As she is so irresolute in her choice, the fear is that she will make a bad one: let her friends choose for her, in order to avoid—at least, not to deserve—her threatened fate. ♎

After a multitude of hopes, fears, scorn, and reproaches, you may. ♏

Of things stolen, part only may ever be heard of. Things lost will not be found. ♐

Provided you know how to value your wife, and do not lose in dissipation abroad the advantage you reap at home, you may be happy in wedlock. ♑

Thursday is pointed out as the most remarkable day in your life. ♒

Whatever you intend, diligently examine it once more, and use what measures you can to insure success. ♓

In winter, snow and ice; in summer, heat and

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♄ clouds; in autumn, cloudy weather; in spring, serene; but if you ask of a day only, it will be wet.

♃ As sure as the stars fill the canopy of heaven this night, it will.

♂ Subject to heats of passion, and yet true.

♀ Good may be derived from the removal; remove between the new and full moon.

☿ This planet speaks of some hindrance in the matter, unless it is scientific or inventive.

☉ Venus rules you; you are destined neither to pine in want, nor live in affluence. Your excellent parts are more likely to be of use to others rather than yourself.

☽ Moderately so, if you are sincere.

☊ Shortly the omens will change for the better.

☋ If you seek the initial of your future partner, it is C. If of a thief, it is E.

✶ Something very favourable is implied.

△ After thirty-two years of age, fortune will favour you, and your old age will not be spent in poverty.

□ The exalted rank of your family will hide your nothingness from the public eye: otherwise, you will pass your life in a perpetual vicissitude of prosperity and adversity; yet after long journeys and troubles, you are fated to meet, at home, peace and contentment.

☌ The dark-haired is the victor.

⊕ It may, perchance, produce you money.

+ In any light, easy, and genteel business.

✶✶ There are no doubt indications of storms and tempests; but a safe arrival is foretold.

× Want of wealth will hardly prevent your talents and virtues from being buried in obscurity; but remember patience relieves sorrow; after this, the stars presage prosperity.

✶✶✶ There are few or small fears of alarm.

Y.

♈ Voyage, nor remove, for three weeks hence: there is an aspect of danger, loss by theft, and

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personal casualities; especially if you start on an evil day.

Be not too sanguine; there is a sign of loss of friends; troubles, mischance, and then good luck. ♉

If you are really sincere, travelling will be always fortunate for you; and the quarter of the globe is of little importance. ♊

Envious persons are near, but it may be done. ♋

The planets signify the friendship of a great person, and at the same time denote a secret foe. ♌

Harassed and perplexed by fickle fortune. ♍

Distrust not the stars; you will. ♎

VENUS has presented herself with a magic girdle, and she will meet with success in love. Yet, let her bear in mind that, with these personal attractions, she may be miserable, if prudence fails to direct her choice. ♏

The trial is ambiguous, and a foe will press you hard. ♐

Search for lost things in cupboards or closets, and behind furniture, next the walls. Stolen goods will not be recovered. ♑

Nothing can save you from the rocks of disappointment, with which the path of human life is interspersed. ♒

WEDNESDAY is your day of weal; FRIDAY, of woe. The fifteenth day of the month is the most remarkable of all. ♓

Perilous if not unfortunate, it is sure to be, and you must act accordingly. ♄

Snow and sleet in winter; cold, even in summer; but in spring and autumn, fruitful and calm. ♃

Many labours, snares, and jeopardies must first be encountered. ♂

It is even as you wish. ♀

It is better to change either your dwelling or place of business. ☿

Part will; part will not. ☉

MARS is your planet, *Scorpio* (the Scorpion, ♏) your constellation. They indicate that you will ☽

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have a remarkable life, and gain great store of goods and money, but with difficulty.

♌ The signs are ambiguous; try some other time.

♍ Faint, indeed, are the hopes of amendment.

✱ D, if of love and friendship; if of a thief it is L, —and a long name.

△ The stars promise success, and who shall gainsay it?

□ Two-thirds of your career will be sudden, strange, and unaccountable; the other part happy and felicitous. Fortune will in vain try to mock you.

♂ More troubles are to come; but all things have their limit of duration, and you will yet enjoy the goodly sunshine of success.

⊕ The combat cannot take place this season.

+ It may be, provided it be not pursued too slowly; delays are generally the obstacles of success.

✱✱ You will do well as a merchant or a lawyer, for either of which you are fitted.

× Safety amid perils, is the answer of the stars.

✱✱✱ Many and totally unexpected changes.

♈ If single (of either sex), marriage. If married, increase of family; funerals, feasts; voyages; removals; a tedious lawsuit; a year of misfortune; three years of great changes; an office or title.

♉ The signs of the stars are rather doubtful.

♊ Such, indeed, there is, but not yet: there is a delay, and some fear and alarm.

♋ North, or north-west; by the sea or rivers.

♌ Evidently the signs foretell cheating and fraud.

♍ The answer to this is not now attainable, you are not sincere enough.

♎ Protected by the stars, he (or she) prospers.

♏ A son and daughter will be born unto you,—one learned, the other beautiful; but wealth is for one of them only.

She will love too well to be beloved: her fair

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heart is doomed to be pierced with ingratitude, Let her beware of inconstancy. ♐

Assuredly stand in dread of loss. ♑

Lost things are on shelves, or in high places. Stolen things are not likely to be recovered. ♒

Be not too impetuous: this may prove the bane of wedlock. ♓

THURSDAY is the most noted day, but not the best; from the new to the full moon are always the two best weeks of the month. ♄

There are but few doubts of it. ♃

Look out for foul weather. The planets are evil. ♂

The omens are favourable and auspicious. ♀

Real friendship is rare: recollect it. ☿

Do nothing hasty in this, or without thought. ☉

The stars look deceitful. ☽

SATURN is your planet, *Aquarius* (the Water-carrier, ♒) your constellation. Money is your lot, —in heaps and masses. Be careful not to lose it when in your power. ♌

But a moderate age is foretold. Live temperately and in a christian manner. ♍

There will soon be a change. ✳

F, if of a lover, in other cases, T. △

Manifold crosses are predominant. □

In early life, perpetual troubles; age opens a prosperous scene, and gives wealth. ♂

You are fortunate; but do not give all your thoughts to wealth. There are better things in this world; for instance, peace of mind. ⊕

The short and corpulent one will win. +

Suddenly an obstacle will arise, which you must sweep away; then hope for success. ✳✳

In skilful trades, in dealing with the rich, and attending to the wishes of the wealthy; also in travelling and voyaging, and in distant lands, and by foreigners, you will gain. ×

Evil news may arrive before long; but there is little cause of alarm. ✳✳✳

Signs.

a.

♈ This portends rough weather, fatal to the voyagers of the sea; but in this instance, fortune may preserve what you wish.

♉ Part of the time will be spent in trouble, part will be joyful, and happy enough.

♊ This is an omen of success.

♋ Five months and a change in your destiny takes place.

♌ Westward and southward.

♍ Defer all games of chance for two years.

♎ If a female asks, this shows a kind and amorous friend; if a male asks, let him beware of deceitful enemies.

♏ Most probably in heavy grief.

♐ Three times your offspring will experience a run of good fortune.

♑ She will wed happily.

♒ Success is predicted, after toils are over.

♓ Stolen things are divided among the thieves, and are irrecoverable. Lost goods are hidden, and are likely not to be found.

♄ You have a fortunate sign: mutual confidence lessens the yoke. Guide yourself accordingly.

♃ MONDAY, and the seventh day of the month.

♂ Quarrelling and discord are rather to be expected.

♀ Expect pleasant weather.

☿ It will; but there is some evil first.

☉ Magnanimous and haughty, but true.

☽ The planets are too changeable for you to stay long in one place; therefore beware.

☊ It most probably will.

♅ JUPITER is your planet; and you will have power over others; in fact, you will make "a noise in the world," and have many attainments. Part of your life, however, will be troublesome.

✳ If beyond thirty-four, you are long-lived.

△ Health is promised.

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If you seek for the initial of a lover, it is S; if of a thief, P.	□
Do not desire too much; for not much is promised.	♂
Many are your adversities between the twentieth and thirty-third years.	⊕
You are born to surprising good fortune.	+
The tallest will lose.	✳✳
It may succeed; but you will first be near giving it up.	×
By working in glass, fire, chemistry, or ingenious and skilful trades; or as a teacher of others. These are the oracles of your wealth.	✳✳✳

b.

You will prosper in any business it may suit you to undertake; best however, be a farmer.	♈
There is great danger to the ship. No certain answer can be given.	♉
A particular and almost total change in your pursuits; travelling; death of many relations; losses by theft; sickness; recovery of past losses; a rise in life; great credit; many disheartenings; many adventures.	♊
This is a sign of a quick and speedy voyage.	♋
There are two: one good, one the contrary.	♌
Northward or north-east. You will prosper in country places, or the suburbs of large cities or towns.	♍
This is a doubtful bearing of the stars. Trust it not.	♎
There never was greater danger of false friends, who are the worst of enemies.	♏
Afflicted, or in trouble.	♐
One of your lineage will become elevated, and travel in far distant lands.	♑
Her triumph over mankind is certain. Wedlock will be her greatest happiness.	♒
In this suit there is a fear of loss; perhaps by hidden treachery and bribery.	♓

Signs.

♄ There is an omen of bad luck in this.

♃ You will have a partner who will be the means of enriching you, and prove your joy.

♂ FRIDAY is your worst day; and the seventeenth of each month is also unfavourable.

♀ It seems fortune will favour you.

☿ Sultry in summer, mild in winter, cold in autumn, and stormy in spring.

☉ It will; better than you expect; and the time is not long.

☽ Your friend wavers; but kindness towards you is visible yet.

♌ Better by far to stay than to remove; of this you may be certain.

♉ Something will shortly happen which will cause you to change your wishes.

✶ The SUN and MERCURY jointly rule you. Your destiny is this: beloved, yet hated; rich, yet poor; the wonder, and yet the scorn of your day. Your life will be eventful; but it will also be long.

△ Long life is predicted and generally good health.

□ The planets look darkly: beware.

♌ B, if of a lover; F or G, if of a thief.

⊕ There is a doubt of it.

\+ Know that your early life is vexatious; your mature age unprofitable; your middle age profitable and productive. Be wise and seize fortune by the forelock.

✶✶ It is even the case, you are born fortunate.

× The fight will be fatal to neither; nor will either gain the mastery this time.

✶✶✶ Very doubtful are the signs.

C.

♈ If you ask in sincerity, success is the answer.

♉ By dealing in apparel, household furniture, and land.

♊ The vessel will escape the storm that now surrounds her.

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Improvement in person and purse; marriage or love intrigues; strange adventures. ♋

The signs indicate slowness, but it may. ♌

More than one, perhaps more than two. ♍

Northward, and near mountains: avoid the sea-shore. ♎

A cheat will confront you; but be of good cheer; a friendly star protects you. ♏

You have but one tried, good friend; be on the watch for deceivers. ♐

Partly in either: the planets are mixed in nature, and somewhat ominous. ♑

The planets now favour you: fate allots you a pleasant surprise hereafter. ♒

To wed one who will be both the plague and the joy of your life. ♓

An evil planet governs the hour. Be careful. ♄

If for lost things, look in chests; if you have lost gold or silver, give it up as gone. You will never get it. Other articles you may. ♃

Roaming from fair to fair in your youth, you will be inconstant; but you will wed in due season. ♂

TUESDAY is the worst, WEDNESDAY the best day. ♀

If for business, travelling, or quick and hasty things, it will be so. ☿

If you ask about a day it will be rainy; if of any particular season, unwholesome strange weather for the time. ☉

There are many changes approaching ere long. When fortune favours you, take heed not to be backward. ☽

This is a sign of truth and constancy. ☊

By no means act hastily in this matter: remove not. ☋

Something will partly frustrate or cause delay; but it may yet be fulfilled. ✶

VENUS governs; you will first rise, and then fall; recover, and die a man of money. △

Spend your life well; for it will be a long one; live temperately and wisely. □

Signs.

♂ Unless a skilful physician is at hand, the sick person will scarcely recover.

⊕ If of love or a wife, H; N, if of any other matter.

+ You may; but you must be active.

** The sacrifice of pleasure in youth must take place, and thrift in middle age to secure wealth.

× Ill fortune first; but afterwards, you are most fortunate.

*** The handsomest and tallest will win; but perchance they may agree without fighting.

d.

♈ This sign indicates bloodshed and treason. Defer fighting yourself, and deter others, if you can.

♉ A few impediments may arise; but not enough to cause misfortune.

♊ By quick, active, and ingenious trades; by books and accounts, buildings, dexterous management, &c.

♋ Fate preserves and wills a safe return of the ship.

♌ First to sink in the deep mire of adversity; then to have a reaction; to gain and lose; to be elevated and esteemed; subject to a sudden caprice of fortune; and in the end lucky.

♍ Choose as fortunate a day as you can, and all will go on well, except for a slight delay.

♎ One approaches, but direct your eyes to the second one that comes. He is the most beneficial.

♏ Southward near watery places, rivers, and the sea, or near a reservoir.

♐ JUPITER befriends you, and you will win; but play not the second time.

♑ Most friends.

♒ A doubtful omen: he (or she) may be in perplexities.

♓ The stars are on your side, favourably placed.

♄ Let her avoid passionate outbreaks, or she will mar her wedded life, which is foretold as a moderately happy one.

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The planets are certainly in your favour. ♃

Lost things are totally gone; and to seek for what is stolen from *you* is folly. ♂

If you will woo fairly, you *may* wed happily. ♀

MONDAY and FRIDAY are your most eventful days. ☿

The SUN rules, and it is auspicious. ☉

Uncomfortable and gloomy, if in summer; if in spring, windy; in autumn and winter, fair. ☽

Ill luck lasts not for ever: therefore be comforted. ♌

Confide not too much, and be mindful. ♉

It is better to stay a little while longer. ✳

The planets portend success. △

MERCURY and VENUS rule; your constellation is Virgo (the Virgin, ♍). You are born to roam to distant lands; to return and live happily; and acquire money in great plenty. □

Long life is predicted; but in the fortieth year, perilous. ♂

Signs and tokens of amendment are visible. ⊕

W or V, if of a future partner; and you have already seen her. If of a theft it is A. +

Thwarted first. Fortune will yet help you. ✳✳

In old age there will be but little evil: some there is before that. ×

Many times fate will run cross, and you will deem yourself most unlucky; but there will commence in two years a happy and prosperous lot, permanent and lasting. ✳✳✳

THE MYSTIC ALPHABET OF THE MAGI.

This arcane and marvellous mode of divination was used, and most probably invented, by the celebrated Count Cagliostro, who from a needy impostor was suddenly transformed into an initiate of esoteric wisdom by the discovery of a manuscript treatise on Egyptian masonry.

According to the philosophy of the illuminated Sicilian, there is something antecedent to the birth of every child, and this is its NAME, which, according to the transcendental doctrines of the Kabbalah, and the highest mysticism of antiquity, is not fortuitous, for there is a mysterious bond and alliance between the individual and the name which he bears.

It is possible to discover in the names, titles, and natal circumstances, tersely narrated, of any person whomsoever, an interior, concealed sense, which directly unveils their future at the very moment they come into the world. The answer to any conceivable question, of sufficient length to give scope to the action of the oracle, will be found enclosed in the question itself. The method is exceedingly simple. Describe, by means of a pair of compasses, a circle proportioned in extent to the length of the sentence or paragraph whose prophetic significance you have determined to ascertain. Arrange in their proper order every letter of this sentence about the circle, so that the eye can easily take them in. Fix your attention upon them; let your intuitive faculty wander through the assemblage of letters. New words will appear by degrees. Note them down, cancel the letters which they contain, and proceed till the whole have been exhausted. It will frequently happen at first that no sense can be obtained, when the operation must be recom-

menced with a fresh circle. By patience and perseverance the process will develop a kind of mysterious second sight which will enable you to instinctively reject fortuitous combinations, and extract without stumbling the prophetic utterances. Occasionally a few mute letters will remain when the true sense has been ascertained. With these you should proceed after the fashion of the antique Sybils, and hold them as initials of fatidic words, which a little skill will supply to complete your previous intuitions. The most astonishing results were obtained in the French language by the use of this method of divination; the decapitation of Marie Antoinette was found to be concealed in the names and titles of that unfortunate queen, and other sinister events are said to have been foretold in advance after the same fashion. It should be remembered, however, that success depends upon the exercise of the intuitional power, which is the instrument of seership in the intellectual world, as the formal divinatory ceremony is the instrument in the objective world. Strive, therefore, to diminish as much as possible the conscious exercise of the ordinary selective faculty, and to see rather than calculate.

THE GOLDEN WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

THIS singular wheel * was much consulted in the Middle Ages, and is said to have been used by Cagliostro to aid him in his divinations. I have selected it from an old Latin MS. on astrology, and translated it into English for the benefit of those of my readers who are not conversant with the former language.

THE GOLDEN WHEEL OF FORTUNE SHOWS

I. Whether you will obtain the favour you desire from a certain person.

II. If the querent will meet with the preferment he desires.

III. Whether a sick person will recover.

IV. If the said sickness will be long or short.

V. Whether your wish or expectation will succeed.

VI. Whether it is good for you to marry, or otherwise.

VII. Whether the friendship of a certain person will prove advantageous or not.

VIII. Whether a person will become rich or poor, &c., &c.

HOW TO TELL FORTUNES BY THE GOLDEN WHEEL.

The person whose fortune is to be told must place the Wheel of Fortune face downward, prick into a number (it is better to do it with the eyes shut), then refer for an explanation, corresponding to the number which you pricked on the frontispiece.

The following observations answer for either sex; the party trying this wheel must therefore alter wife for husband, &c., as the answers suit either party.

* See Frontispiece.

1. If this number be fixed on, it assures the querent that he or she will marry a homely but wealthy person.

2. Whatever your intentions are, for the present decline them. Those absent will return.

3. Shows loss of friends, bad success in things legal, loss of money, and infidelity in love.

4. If your desires are extravagant they will not be granted, but mind how you make use of your fortune.

5. Very good fortune, sudden prosperity, great respect from high persons, a letter bringing important news.

6. Look well to those who owe you money, if ever so little. A letter of abuse may be expected.

7. Your lover will treat you with truth and constancy.

8. A friend has crossed the sea, and will return with riches by which you also will be much benefited.

9. A loving partner; success in your undertakings; a large and prosperous family.

10. Your husband will not have a great fortune, but with your assistance he is likely to live in middling circumstances.

11. A very sudden journey, a pleasant fellow-traveller, a result generally beneficial to your family.

12. You may regain that which you have lost with great perseverance and trouble.

13. A letter of importance will arrive, announcing the death of a relative for whom you have no very great respect, but who has left you a legacy.

14. By venturing carefully, you will gain doubly, though you will suffer great privation.

15. You will meet with many crosses before you are comfortably settled.

16. Too sudden acquaintance with the opposite sex; notwithstanding the party should persevere, as it will be to his or her advantage.

17. An agreeable partner, a good temper, and a large family of children.

18. Let the chooser of this number persevere, for the schemes are good and must succeed.

19. You will marry young and have dutiful children.

20. Your lover may be in low circumstances, but affectionate.

21. Your marriage will add to your welfare, and you will be very happy.

22. A drunken partner, bad success in trade, but the party will never be very poor, though always unhappy.

23. Do not neglect your lover; let your conduct command respect.

24. You have many friends, and will probably have a large and virtuous family.

25. Your travels will be prosperous, if you are prudent.

26. You have many enemies, who will endeavour to make you unhappy.

27 The luck that is ordained for you will be coveted by others.

28. Be very prudent in your conduct, as this number is very capricious, and much depends upon yourself; it is, however, generally good.

29. Beware, or you will be deceived by the person to whom you are paying your attentions.

30. You love one who is affectionate, true, and worthy of respect.

31. You too fantastically refuse offers. Be prudent when you accept, or you will be sorry.

32. You will be very unfortunate for a short time, but be careful, and your situation will soon alter.

33. A fortune will be yours; be not over anxious.

34. Alter your intentions, or you will be sorry when it is too late.

35. You will have a rich but jealous partner, and will live very uncomfortably.

36. You will have a sober, steady, and affectionate but poor partner.

37. A very good fortune, sudden prosperity, and a large family.

38. The persons who choose this unlucky number must look well to their conduct, or justice will overtake them.

39. Remain among your friends, and you will escape misfortune.

40. You will have an affectionate partner but no family; you will be blessed with a large fortune.

41. If you have a fortune, be charitable; if you have little, be frugal.

42. You will have a quarrel with your lover through jealousy

43. You must bear your losses with fortitude.

44. You will get a handsome, young, and wealthy partner.

45. When your conduct changes, your fortune will mend by marriage with a rich partner.

46. You have mixed with bad company, and you may depend on it that you will be brought to disgrace.

47. A large family of healthy children; give them education, and they will honour their father and mother.

48. You will be very unfortunate at first, but persevere and your schemes will be successful.

49. You have a number of secret enemies who will try to do you an injury, but be on your guard and you will prosper.

50. Your happiness will consist in doing good; there are pleasing spots in the memory which affliction cannot erase.

51. You will die an old maid; you have been too whimsical in the choice of a partner.

52. Your lover will travel in Europe, and will be very successful.

53. You will marry a person, with whom you will have but little comfort.

54. This is a very lucky number; whatever you do will always prove successful.

55. After much misfortune you will be fairly comfortable and happy.

56. Good conduct will produce much luck and happiness.

57. Through affection, you will marry unfortunately, but you must make one another happy.

58. You have many lovers, but mind how you choose, or else you will suffer for it.

59. Your lover is on his return home, but he has met with severe losses.

60. A letter announcing the loss of money.

61. You have a secret enemy; beware, as he will do you some harm.

62. This number warns you against the evil consequences of idleness, either in yourself or partner.

63. Your partner will be very rich but very neglectful.

64. You will be very poor and miserable, and will have one child.

65. Sincere love from an upright heart will be rewarded.

66. You will marry an old person, with whom you will be very unhappy.

67. Plenty of offers will come before the one that is worthy of acceptance; be cautious how you make your choice.

68. You will play with the mouse till you lose it.

69. Take heed; you are being deceived by your lover.

70. You will meet with great trouble; you should have consulted your friends.

71. Beware! The person you love does not love you, and is seeking your ruin.

72. If you marry in haste you will be deceived; wait patiently, and you will be happy.

73. Hard work, hard fare; little joy and much care.

74. A scolding but wealthy wife.

75. Your partner will be very rich, but will have no children.

76. You have a rival; be not deceived! Depend on our tablets, and you will better your condition.

77. You will have many children, but will be very poor.

78. Do not delay; hasten your marriage, or you will lose your virtue.

79. Your wife will have no children, and will be addicted to intemperance.

80. Be honest and industrious, and you will triumph over your enemies.

81. You will have children, who, if you give them a good education, will make you happy.

82. You will fall into great difficulties; you will lose your partner, and will marry a drunkard.

83. Hasten your marriage; the person is faithful, and you will be happy.

84. You must break off the connections you have formed, or you will come to absolute want.

85. Your lover is jealous, and will break off the connection.

86. You will travel on the Continent, and will be married there, but you will have no children.

87. You will get married, but only in advancing age.

88. Beware, for you have a secret enemy, who will try and do you some injury.

89. You will die an old maid.

90. You will marry three different times, and will still be very poor and miserable.

91. The person to whom you are paying your attentions is deceitful.

92. If you marry, you will have great trouble, and many children. Be persuaded, live single, and so insure your happiness!

93. You will live happily to a great age.

94. There is a young man dying with love for you, but see that you are not led astray!

95. You will marry in poverty, but will be rich in the end.

96. You are too whimsical and deceitful ever to be happy.

97. Be not flattered, though you have an amorous sweetheart.

98. A shocking accident will happen to you, or to your children, and will cause great trouble.

99. You will discover your false lover.

100. You will have a very handsome but artful partner.

THE ENGLISH METHOD OF FORTUNE-TELLING BY CARDS.

In Fortune-Telling by Cards—as in all games in which they are employed—the Ace ranks highest in value. Then comes the King, followed by the Queen, Knave, Ten, Nine, Eight, and Seven, with the other numbers in their order.

The comparative value of the different suits is as follows:—First on the list stand Clubs, as they mostly portend happiness, and, no matter how numerous, or how accompanied, are rarely or never of bad augury. Next come Hearts, which usually signify joy, liberality, or good temper. Diamonds, on the contrary, denote delay, quarrels, and annoyance, while Spades, the worst of all, signify grief, sickness, and loss of money.

We are, of course, speaking generally, as, in many cases, the position of cards entirely changes their signification, their individual and relative meaning being often widely different. Thus, for example, the King of Hearts, the Nine of Hearts, and the Nine of Clubs respectively signify a liberal man, joy, and success in love; but change their position by placing the King *between* the two nines, and you would read that a man, then rich and happy, would be ere long consigned to a prison.

We shall, in the first place, give a complete list of the cards, together with their precise significance, and then briefly describe the manner of their arrangement by English seers, in order to the successful disclosures of their mystic oracles.

Ace of Clubs.—Wealth, happiness, and peace of mind.

King of Clubs.—A dark man, upright, faithful, and affectionate in disposition.

Queen of lubs.—A dark woman, gentle and pleasing.

Knave of lubs.—A sincere but hasty friend. Also a dark ·an's thoughts.

Ten of Clis.—Unexpected riches, and loss of a dear friend.

Nine of Clis.—Disobedience to friends' wishes.

Eight of Cubs.—A covetous man. Also warns against specations.

Seven of Clis.—Promises good fortune and happiness, but bid a person beware of the opposite sex.

Six of Clus.—Predicts a lucrative business.

Five of Clis.—A prudent marriage.

Four of Cubs.—Cautiousness against inconstancy or change of object for the sake of money.

Three of lubs.—Shews that a person will be more than once married.

Two of Cubs.—A disappointment.

Ace of Diamonds.—A letter—from whom, and what about must be judged from the neighbouring cards.

King of Diamonds.—A fair man, hot tempered, obstinate, and revengeful.

Queen of Diamonds.—A fair woman, fond of company, and a coquette.

Knave of Diamonds.—A near relation who considers only his own interests. Also a fair person's thoughts.

Ten of Diamonds.—Money.

Nine of Diamonds.—Shews that a person is fond of roving.

Eight of Diamonds.—A marriage late in life.

Seven of Diamonds.—Satire, evil speaking.

Six of Diamonds.—Early marriage and widowhood.

Five of Diamonds.—Unexpected news.

Four of Diamonds.—Trouble arising from unfaithful friends; also a betrayed secret.

Three of Diamonds.—Quarrels, law-suits, and domestic disagreements.

Two of Diamonds.—An engagement against the wishes of friends.

Ace of Hearts.—The house. If attended by Spades, it foretells quarrelling—if by Hearts, affection and friendship—if by Diamonds, money and distant friends—if by Clubs, feasting and merry-making.

King of Hearts.—A fair man, of good-natured disposition, but hasty and rash.

Queen of Hearts.—A fair woman, faithful, prudent, and affectionate.

Knave of Hearts.—The dearest friend of the consulting party. Also a fair person's thoughts.

Ten of Hearts.—Is prophetic of happiness and many children; is corrective of the bad tidings of cards next to it, and confirms those of good ones.

Nine of Hearts.—Wealth and high esteem. Also the wish card.

Eight of Hearts.—Pleasure, company.

Seven of Hearts.—A fickle and false friend, against whom be on your guard.

Six of Hearts.—A generous but credulous person.

Five of Hearts.—Troubles caused by unfounded jealousy.

Four of Hearts.—A person not easily won.

Three of Hearts.—Sorrow caused by a person's own imprudence.

Two of Hearts.—Great success, but equal care and attention needed to secure it.

Ace of Spades.—Great misfortune, spite.

King of Spades.—A dark, ambitious man.

Queen of Spades.—A malicious, dark woman, generally a widow.

Knave of Spades.—An indolent, envious person; a dark man's thoughts.

Ten of Spades.—Grief, imprisonment.

Nine of Spades.—A card of very bad import, foretelling sickness and misfortune.

Eight of Spades.—Warns a person to be cautious in his undertakings.

Seven of Spades.—Loss of a friend, attended with much trouble.

Six of Spades.—Wealth through industry.

Five of Spades.—Shews that a bad temper requires correcting.

Four of Spades.—Sickness.

Three of Spades.—A journey.

Two of Spades.—A removal.

The Court cards of Hearts and Diamonds usually represent persons of fair complexion—Clubs and Spades the opposite.

Any picture card between two others of equal value, as two tens, two aces, &c., denotes that the person represented by that card runs the risk of imprisonment.

Signification of Different Cards of the same Denomination.

Four Aces, coming together, or following each other, announce danger, failure in business, and sometimes imprisonment. If one or more of them be reversed, the danger will be lessened, but that is all.

Three Aces coming in the same manner, good tidings; if reversed, folly.

Two Aces.—A plot; if reversed, it will not succeed.

Four Kings.—A consultation on important business, the result of which will be highly satisfactory; if reversed, success will be doubtful.

Two Kings.—A partnership in business; if reversed, a dissolution of the same. Sometimes this only denotes friendly projects.

Four Queens.—Company, society; one or more reversed denotes that the entertainment will not go off well.

Three Queens.—Friendly calls; reversed—chattering and scandal, or deceit.

Two Queens.—A meeting between friends; reversed—poverty, and troubles in which one will involve the other.

Four Knaves.—A noisy party, mostly young people; reversed—a drinking bout.

Three Knaves.—False friends; reversed—a quarrel with some low person.

Two Knaves.—Evil intentions; reversed—danger.

Four Tens.—Great success in projected enterprises; reversed—the success will not be so brilliant, but still it will be sure.

Three Tens.—Improper conduct; reversed—failure.

Two Tens.—Change of trade or profession; reversed—denotes that the prospect is only a distant one.

Four Nines.—A great surprise; reversed—a public dinner.

Three Nines.—Joy, fortune, health; reversed—wealth lost by imprudence.

Two Nines.—A little gain; reversed—trifling losses at cards.

Four Eights.—A short journey; reversed—the return of a friend or relative.

Three Eights.—Thoughts of marriage; reversed—folly, flirtation.

Two Eights.—A brief love-dream; reversed—small pleasures and trifling pains.

Four Sevens.—Intrigues among servants or low people, threats, snares, and disputes; reversed—that their malice will be impotent to harm, and that the punishment will fall on themselves.

Three Sevens.—Sickness, premature old age; reversed—slight and brief indisposition.

Two Sevens.—Levity; reversed—regret.

N.B.—In order to know whether the Ace, Ten, Nine, Eight, and Seven of Diamonds are reversed, it is better to make a small pencil-mark on each to show which is the top of the card.

It requires no great effort to commit these significations to memory, but it must be remembered that they are but what the alphabet is to the printed book; a little attention and practice, however, will soon enable the learner to form these mystic letters into words, and words into phrases—in other language, to assemble these cards together, and read the events, past and to come, which their symbols pretend to reveal.

Having given the signification of the various cards, we will now proceed to describe the manner of their employment. After having well shuffled, cut them three times, and lay them out in rows of nine cards each. Select any King or Queen you please to represent yourself, and wherever you find that card placed, count nine cards every way, reckoning it as one; and every ninth card will prove the prophetic one. Before beginning to count, study well the disposition of the cards, according to their individual and relative signification. If a married woman consult the cards, she must make her husband the King of the same suit of which she is Queen; but if a single woman, she may make any favourite male friend King of whatever suit she pleases. As the Knaves of the various suits represent the *thoughts* of the persons represented by the picture cards of a corresponding colour, they should also be counted from.

To tell whether you will get your Wish.

To try whether you will get your wish, shuffle the cards well, all the time keeping your thoughts fixed upon whatever wish you may have formed. Cut them once, and remark what card you cut; shuffle them again, and deal out into three parcels. Examine each of these in turn, and if you find the card you turned up next to either the one representing yourself, the Ace of Hearts, or the Nine of Hearts, you will get your wish. If it be in the

same parcel with any of these, without being next them, there is a chance of your wish coming to pass at some more distant period; but if the Nine of Spades should make its appearance, you may count on disappointment.

HOW TO FIND LUCKY NUMBERS WITH DICE.

This plan of ascertaining lucky numbers has always been exceedingly popular with those who try their fortune at the lottery. The manner of calculating such a number is as follows:—Take two dice, and after shaking them well in a box, throw them out, being careful to note the whole number of spots on the uppermost sides of the dice; then repeat this operation, and again mark down the number of spots as before. Having done this, you then consult the annexed table and find the number of your first throw, then follow the line down until you arrive at the number corresponding with your second throw on the opposite side of the table. For example, we will suppose you throw the first time, and the number of spots is equal to 4. You must then look at the top of the line and find the Roman numeral IV. You throw the second time and get 7 spots; this you will find on the outside column at the left hand, marked VII. Then all you have to do is to place your finger on the IV. at the top of the table, and follow the line down until you arrive at VII. on the opposite side of the table. Thus you will find the number 43, which is the lucky number. Should you come to a cypher (0), you must throw again. By following these simple directions you can ascertain as many good numbers as you wish to play.

TABLE TO FIND LUCKY NUMBERS.

I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	VIII.	IX.	X.	XI.	XII.
II.	75	0	18	0	16	0	78	0	44	0	39
III.	64	28	0	2	0	55	0	21	0	51	0
IV.	1	0	70	0	32	0	29	48	35	0	12
V.	53	69	0	5	40	61	0	9	42	73	0
VI.	46	54	7	76	38	49	11	33	27	0	66
VII.	0	58	43	8	77	0	25	67	19	3	0
VIII.	50	0	22	0	65	0	72	0	36	0	47
IX.	0	13	0	31	10	0	60	15	0	4	0
X.	23	0	59	0	71	0	6	68	34	0	20
XI.	0	74	14	52	62	24	0	30	0	17	0
XII.	57	0	41	26	0	37	63	0	45	0	56

TO READ A PERSON'S CHARACTER BY MEANS OF CABALISTIC CALCULATIONS.

THIS art is sometimes said to have been invented by the sage Pythagoras, who held that everything in the universe was represented and governed by certain figures or numbers, to which he ascribed mysterious properties and virtues. According to this doctrine, everything, from the Supreme Being—the *Monas Generans*—down to the minutest atoms, was distinguished by its own proper number. This belief of Pythagoras was shared by a variety of other philosophers. Without entering into any details concerning the system, we will proceed to describe how these calculations are made. An alphabetical table must be first prepared, with its corresponding numbers, thus :—

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	30	40	50
P	Q	R	S	T	U	X	Y	Z	J	V	Hi	Hv	
60	70	80	90	100	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	

This is accompanied by a list of numbers, with their various interpretations and significations, as follows :—

1. Passion, ambition, design.
2. Destruction, death, catastrophe.
3. Religion, destiny, the soul, charms.
4. Solidity, wisdom, power.
5. The stars, happiness, graces, marriage.
6. Perfection, labour.
7. Course of life, repose, liberty, perfect happiness.
8. Justice, preservation.

9. Imperfection, diminution, grief, pain, expectation.
10. Success, reason, future happiness.
11. Faults, punishment, discord, prevarication.
12. Good omen, a town, or city.
13. Impiety.
14. Sacrifice, purification.
15. Piety, self-culture.
16. Love, happiness, voluptuousness.
17. Misfortune, forgetfulness.
18. Hardening of the heart, misfortune.
19. Folly.
20. Austerity, sadness.
21. Mystery, wisdom, the creation.
22. A scourge, the divine vengeance.
23. Ignorance of the doctrines of Christianity
24. A journey.
25. Intelligence, a birth.
26. Useful works.
27. Firmness, courage.
28. Love tokens.
29. Letters.
30. Fame, a wedding.
31. Love of glory, virtue.
32. Marriage.
33. Purity.
34. Suffering, trouble of mind.
35. Health, harmony.
36. Genius, vast conception.
37. Domestic virtues, conjugal love.
38. Imperfection, avarice, envy.
39. Praise.
40. Fêtes, wedding.
41. Ignominy.
42. A short and unhappy life, the tomb.
43. Religious ceremonies, a priest.
44. Power, pomp, monarchy.
45. Population.
46. Fertility.
47. Long and happy life.
48. Tribunal, judgment, judge.

49. Love of money.
50. Pardon, liberty.
60. Widowhood.
70. Initiation, science, the graces.
75. The world.
80. A cure.
81. An adept.
90. Blindness, error, affliction.
100. Divine favour.
120. Patriotism, praises.
200. Irresolution.
215. Calamity.
300. Safety, belief, faith, philosophy.
318. Divine messenger.
350. Hope, justice.
360. Home, society.
365. Astronomy.
400. Long and wearisome voyage.
490. Priests, theology.
500. Holiness.
600. Perfection.
666. A malicious person, machinations, plots, enemies.
700. Strength.
800. Empire.
900. Wars, combats, struggles.
1000. Mercy.
1095. Taciturnity.
1260. Torments.
1300. Persecution.

Now write down the name of the person whose character you wish to learn, and beneath each letter composing it place the corresponding number. (Should the letter W be one of them, it must be represented by two V's, which will give the number 1400.) Add them all together, and by comparing the product with the table of significations, you will discover what you wish to know. When the product exceeds the highest number given in the table, the first number is cut off, and

the remainder alone used. We give an example; suppose the name to be Jean Jacques Rousseau :—

J	600	J	600	R	80
E	5	A	1	O	50
A	1	C	3	U	200
N	40	Q	70	S	90
	—	U	200	S	90
	646	E	5	E	5
		S	90	A	1
			—	U	200
			969		—
					716

646	Jean
969	Jacques
716	Rousseau.
2331	Total.

Of this total of 2331 we cut off the 2000, leaving 331, which, on reference to the table of significations, reads as follows :—Belief, faith, and philosophy, for 300; love of glory, virtue, for 31; giving no bad sketch of his character. It may be as well to observe that when the total consists of a number not precisely marked on the table, the answer may be obtained by dividing it into hundreds, tens, and units; thus, supposing the number obtained was 179, it could be divided into 100, 70, and 9. Care must be taken to add up the lines of figures correctly, as the slightest mistake will of course entirely change the whole meaning.

THE MATHEMATICAL FORTUNE-TELLER; OR, HOW TO TELL ANY PERSON'S AGE.

PROCURE six cards, and having ruled them in imitation of the following diagrams, write in the figures neatly and legibly. Request the person whose age you propose to compute to give you all the cards containing his or her age, and then add the right hand upper corner figures together, which will give the correct answer. For example, suppose the person's age is 20, the cards with 4 and 16 in the corners will be given, which will make the answer 20, and so on with the others.

3	5	7	9	11	1
13	15	17	19	21	23
25	27	29	31	33	35
37	39	41	43	45	47
49	51	53	55	57	59

5	6	7	13	12	4
14	15	20	21	22	23
28	29	30	31	36	37
52	38	39	44	45	46
47	53	54	55	60	13

9	10	11	12	13	8
14	15	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	40	41
42	43	44	45	46	47
56	57	58	59	60	13

3	6	7	10	11	2
14	15	18	19	22	23
26	27	30	31	34	35
38	39	42	43	46	47
50	51	54	55	58	59

17	18	19	20	21	16
22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55
56	58	58	59	30	60

33	34	35	36	37	32
38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60	41

THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC, AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE GOOD OR EVIL FORTUNE OF CHILDREN BORN UNDER THEM.

JANUARY.

THE sign of Aquarius rules from the 20th of January to the 16th of February. The child who is born under this sign will have one leg larger than the other, and a sanguine, choleric, and variable disposition. It will give him the advantages of discretion, subtlety, eloquence, and material wealth; but his health will be excessively delicate, and he will be subject to several infirmities. His most perilous years will be thirty-five, forty-two, and eighty.

FEBRUARY.

The sign of the Fishes governs from the 18th of February till the 20th of March. The child born under this sign will have a large chest, small head, long face, white skin, round eyes, and a cold, phlegmatic temperament, inclined to sombreness. He will have unusual struggles in his youth, but in old age he will be a well-to-do person, with a capacity for government. His perilous years are 15, 30, and 38.

MARCH.

The Ram rules from the 20th of March to the 20th of April. The child born under this sign will have black and woolly hair, an amiable aspect, small ears, a long neck, a somewhat fiery disposition, and quick to anger, but of good judgment and just counsel, with a talent for teaching, travelling, and match-making. Purgations and bleeding are proper

under the influence of this sign. The dangerous periods of life are 12, 30, and 35.

April.

The dominion of the Bull lasts from the 20th of April till the 20th of May, and the child born under its influence will have a broad and lofty forehead, a long face, chestnut hair, a sombre and melancholy temperament, with an inclination to gluttony and drinking, but affable on all occasions, and quick to grant the favours asked of him. In old age he will be reserved; he will be dilatory in business and the victim of jealousy. No medicine should be taken and no bleeding permitted under this sign, and convalescents should seek a change of air for the restoration of health. The dangerous years for persons born under the Bull are 12, 22, 32, 50, and 74.

May.

The Twins rule from the 20th of April to the 22nd of June. The child born under this sign will have a large chest and fine figure, with a body of medium size; he will be faithful and credulous, warm and humid in temperament, and an incarnation of all graces. He will enjoy good fortune, and will willingly give pleasure to others; he will have a taste for arithmetic and commercial accounts. Take medicine but do not let blood while this sign governs. The dangerous periods are 9, 10, 15, 25, 33, and 42.

June.

The Crab dominates from the 22nd of June till the 22nd of July. The child born under its auspices will be short in stature and large of limb, with broad shoulders, long hair, small eyes, of cold and humid disposition, inclined to effeminacy. He will be of a sombre turn of mind, pronounced in his opinions, and awkward in conversation. He will be

rich, but not for long, disdainful, proud, avaricious, and well to do after the age of 20 years. His perilous times will be at 24, 37, and 71 years of age. Purge and bleed during this sign.

JULY.

The Lion rules from the 22nd of July to the corresponding date of August, and the child born under this sign will have fair fame, good judgment, and a magnificent style. His upper limbs will be larger than the lower ones, the chest will be broad; he will be a swift runner, choleric, penetrating in his glance, with loose limbs, large chin, and a warm and dry temperament. His dangerous years will be 12, 22, 39, 47, and 70.

AUGUST.

The Virgin rules from the 22nd of August till the 22nd of September. The child born under its influence will be endowed with fine qualities, splendid talents, and a well-made frame; he will love truth, be above deception, but sad and sombre in disposition, as well as cold and dry. Though effeminate, he will be prudent and merciful, sincere in his speech and faithful in his promises, and conformable to the opinions of the well-advised. His dangerous years will be 16, 28, 42, and 65. Take no medicine and let no blood during this month.

SEPTEMBER.

The Balance governs from the 23rd of September till the corresponding date in October. The child born under this sign will be attractive in mien, of medium height, handsome face, and tawny complexion. He will be a good singer, endowed with great eloquence, a lover of justice, and affected at the misfortunes of others. His dangerous years will be 15, 28, and 85.

OCTOBER.

The Scorpion rules from the 22nd of October till the 21st of November. The infant born under its auspices will be of low and broad stature, hairy, handsome in countenance, with large limbs and large feet. He will walk quickly; his temperament will be cold and humid, his humour sombre and fanatical; he will be inclined to clamour and war, capricious, luxurious, passionate, and cross-grained in disposition. His perilous periods will be at 16, 28, 42, and 66. Take no internal remedies whatever under this sign.

NOVEMBER.

The Archer rules from the 21st of November till the 21st of December. The child born under its influence will be pale in complexion, large of limb, with long face and beard, an extremely keen sight, and blonde straggling hair. His disposition will be warm and dry, and quick to anger. His perilous years will be 8, 9, 11, 28, and 89. Blood may be let but no medicine taken during the influence of the Archer.

DECEMBER.

The Goat governs from the 21st of December till the 20th of January. The child born under this sign will have slender legs, a lean body, and will bear some likeness to a goat. He will be melancholy and of meagre visage, with a thick and bushy beard, and will be subjected to pains in the knees and head. He will also be of contrary disposition in connection with his relatives. His dangerous years will be 8, 18, 32, and 77. Purging and other medicine may be taken under this sign.

JUDGMENTS DRAWN FROM THE MOON'S AGE.

1. A CHILD born within twenty-one hours after the new moon will be fortunate, and live to a good old age; whatever is dreamt on this day will be fortunate and pleasant to the dreamer; various undertakings will succeed on it, particularly mental enterprises and well-timed innovations.

2. This day is favourable to the discoveries of science, of mystic and mysterious secrets, and of things lost or hidden. The child born on this day will thrive, but the dreams are not to be depended upon.

3. This day is favourable to generation, and generally to all productions whether physical or mental. A child born on this day will be fortunate through persons in power, and all dreams will prove true.

4. This day is unlucky, but favourable to unjust and tyrannical undertakings. Persons falling ill on this day rarely recover, and the dreams are ineffectual.

5. This day is favourable to begin a good enterprise, and the dreams will be tolerably trustworthy; the child born on this day will be vain and deceitful.

6. The sixth day is one of pride, and it is propitious to conspiracies and revolts. Its dreams will not immediately come to pass, and the child born upon it will not live long.

7. A day of religious undertakings, prayers, and spiritual success. Keep secret your dreams on this day. If sickness befall you on it, you will soon recover; the child born to-day will have long life but many troubles.

8. This is a day of expiatory sacrifice. Its dreams will come to pass; the business begun on it will prosper, and anything lost will be found.

9. This day differs little from the former. It is a day of blessing for children, and the child born on it will acquire great riches and honour.

10. This is a fatal day, but it is good for the beginning of a journey, marriage, and engagement in business. Those who fall sick on it will rarely recover; the child born on it will be devoted to religion, and of an engaging form and manner; if a female, she will possess an uncommon share of wisdom and learning.

11. Dreams on this day are fortunate and visions deceptive; it is one of health, longevity, and sense to children born on it, but those who fall sick on it will seldom recover.

12. This day is favourable to prophecy and to great magical operations. Its dreams will be speedily verified.

13. An unlucky day and fatal number. Favours asked on this day will, however, be granted.

14. The angel Cassel of the hierarchy of Uriel governs this day. What was lost yesterday may be found, but the sickness that befalls a person on this day is likely to prove mortal.

15. Day of exile and reprobation, but good for dealing in merchandise. The child born on this day will be of ill manners and unfortunate.

16. The child born on this day will be foolish; it is an unlucky day to marry, or to begin any kind of business.

17. A day of salvation for the good and of destruction for the wicked—dangerous if it fall on a Saturday. The child born on this day will be very valiant, but will suffer hardships; if a female, she will be chaste and industrious, and live respected to a great age.

18. This day is dangerous, and the child born on it will be dishonest. According to another account, it is a day of conjugal affection and virtuous life.

19. A beneficent or unfortunate day for the great ones of the world, according to the deserts of the great. Dreams on this day will be vain and untrue; the child born on it will grow up healthy and strong, but be of a selfish and ungentle disposition.

20. A day propitious to divine revelations. The child born on it will be fortunate, of a cheerful countenance, religious, and much-beloved. Any kind of business begun on this day will be unfortunate.

21. A day of danger to mind and reason. The child born on it will be of an ungovernable temper, forsake his friends, wander in a foreign land, and be unhappy through life. It is a good day for marriage, and all business begun on it will be successful.

22. A day of trial, sorrow, and serious misfortune. The child born on it will be wicked, and come to an untimely end, after many dangers. This day threatens everything with disappointment and crosses, and whoever falls sick on it seldom recovers.

23. A day of preference and tenderness; the child born on it will be rich and greatly esteemed. Dreams on this day are certain.

24. This day is favourable for dreams, and the child born on it will be of a sweet and amiable disposition.

25. This day is bad for dreams, and those who fall sick on it are in great danger. The child born on this day will be its parents' delight, but will not live to any great age.

26. This day is good for dreams, but children born on it will experience many hardships, though in the end they may turn out happily.

27. A most unfortunate day for seeking anything that is lost, but a child born on it will make a great stir in the world, either as statesman, soldier, physician, or clergyman.

28. A day of strength and rescue. A child born before noon on this day will live to be a rich and

truly good man, but if born after that hour, it is to be feared that he will be dissipated or worthless.

29. Day of miscarriage and failure in all things. Dreams on this day are unworthy of any attention, and their predictions will never be fulfilled.

HOW TO DETERMINE THE LUCKY AND UNLUCKY DAYS OF ANY MONTH IN THE YEAR.

ASCERTAIN from the almanack the day on which a full moon occurs, and count the number of days from that to the end of the month: you then multiply the number of days in the month by the number ascertained as above, and the total will give you the lucky days (subject to a further test hereafter explained), which must be reckoned this wise: if the total happens to be, say 516, the lucky days of that month would be the 5th and 16th, and if it should be 561, the days are the same, for you must always transpose the figures, when they will work together. Suppose that, instead of 516, the total should be 399: as neither of these figures can be paired, the lucky days from that total are the 3rd and 9th, and the 9th would be considered doubly lucky, if no tests worked to the contrary.

The unlucky days are determined in precisely the same manner, by multiplying the number of days in the month by the number which have passed previous to a full moon.

After working out your list of lucky days in the manner above described, you must then test them, in order to be sure that there are no opposing influences. You can do this by calculating the unlucky days. Should you find that any day of the month which was designated as lucky came also in the list of unlucky days, the latter preponderates, and you must strike it from the lucky list.

This plan of demonstrating lucky and unlucky days is very ancient, and has been tested to such an extent that it is considered accurate by most astrologers. In old times, before the mass of the people understood much about figures, the professional

fortune-tellers demanded a large fee for casting the lucky days of any month, which they accomplished in the manner above described.

Lucky marriage days for girls were cast in the same manner, except that the age of the girl was used as the multiplicator, or multiplier, instead of the number of days in the month. The result was determined similarly, and also by a test of the unlucky days. Thus, if a girl is eighteen years old, and thinks of marrying in October, she takes up an almanac and ascertains the day of the full moon in that month. It occurs on the 24th, and there are thirty-one days in the month : this leaves seven for the multiplier. She multiplies this by her age, eighteen, and the result is 106, which shows that the lucky days for her marriage in that month are the 10th and 6th, unless they are destroyed by the test which is determined as follows. There are twenty-three days before the 24th, and she must multiply twenty-three by eighteen, which process gives 414, and shows that the 4th and 14th are the only unlucky days for her marriage ; and as they do not conflict with the lucky days, the 6th and 10th may be considered as genuine lucky days for that month, reckoning the moon to have fulled on the 24th. In determining her age, she should reckon any period over half-a-year as a full and completed year.

LIST OF UNLUCKY DAYS WHICH, TO MALES BORN ON THEM, WILL, AS A GENERAL RULE, PROVE UNFORTUNATE.

January 3, 4.
February 6, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20.
March 5, 6, 12, 13.
May 12, 13, 20, 21, 26, 27.
June 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24.
July 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18.
October 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 31.
November 1, 3.

Almost all persons (being of the male sex) that are born on the days included in the foregoing table, will, in a greater or less degree, suffer, not only by pecuniary embarrassments and loss of property, but will also experience great distress and anxiety of mind, much dissatisfaction, dissension, and unhappiness in their family affairs, much disaffection to each other among the married ones (indeed, few of them can ever be happy in the married state), trouble about their children, daughters forming unfortunate attachments, and a variety of untoward events of other descriptions. The influences of these days are of a quality and tendency calculated to excite in the minds of persons born on them, an extraordinary itch for speculation, to make changes in their affairs, commence new undertakings of various kinds, but all of them will tend nearly to one point—loss of property and pecuniary embarrassments. Such persons who embark their capital on credit in new concerns or engagements, will be likely to receive checks or interruptions to the progress of their schemes or undertakings. Those who enter into engagements intended to be permanent, whether purchases, leases, partnerships, or, in short, any other speculation of a description which cannot readily be transferred, or got rid of, will dearly repent their bargains.

They will find their affairs from time to time much interrupted and agitated, and will experience many disappointments in money matters, trouble through bills, and have need of all their activity and address to prop their declining credit; indeed, almost all engagements and affairs that are entered into by persons born on any of these days, will receive some sort of check or obstruction. The greater number of such persons will also be subject to weakness or sprains in the knees and ankles, also diseases and hurts in the legs.

List of Unlucky Days which, to Females born on them, will generally prove unfortunate.

January 5, 6, 13, 14, 20, 21.
February 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23.
March 1, 2, 8, 9, 16, 17, 28, 29.
April 24, 25.
May 1, 2, 9, 17, 22, 29, 30.
June 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 19.
July 3, 4.
September 9, 16.
October 20, 27.
November 9, 10, 21, 29, 30.
December 6, 14, 21.

We particularly advise all females born on these days to be extremely cautious of placing their affections too hastily, as they will be subject to disappointments and vexations in that respect; it will be better for them (in those matters), to be guided by the advice of their friends, rather than by their own feelings; they will be less fortunate in placing their affections than in any other action of their lives, as many of their marriages will terminate in separations, divorces, &c. Their courtships will end in elopements, seductions, and other misfortunes. These statements are drawn from the best astrological sources, and are given as a warning, to enable the persons concerned to avoid those perplexing labyrinths of destiny, from which nothing but care and attention can save them.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES ON THE OBSERVATION OF TIMES AND SEASONS.

In an old MS., the writer, after stating that the most learned mathematicians have decided that the 1st of August, the 4th of September, and the 11th of March are most injudicious to let blood, and that philosophers have settled that the 10th of August, 1st of December, and 6th of April are perilous to those who surfeit themselves in eating and drinking, continues as follows, assigning reasons why certain days should be marked as infelicitous :—

"We read of an old Arabian philosopher, a man of divers rare observations, who did remark three Mondayes in a year to be most unfortunate either to let blood or begin any notable work, namely, the first Munday of April, ye wch day Cain was borne, and his brother Abell slaine; the 2d is the first Munday of August, the wch day Sodom and Gomorrah were confounded; the 3rd is the last Munday of December, the wch day Judas Iscariott was borne, who betrayed our Saviour Jesus Christ. These three dayes, together with the Innocents' Day, by divers of the learned are reputed to be most unfortunate of all dayes, and ought to be eschewed by all men for ye great mishaps wch often do occur in them.

"And thus much concerning the opinion of our ancient of dayes. So in like manner I will repeat unto you yt be observed by some old writers, chiefly the ancient astrologians, who did allege that there were 28 dayes in the yeare wch were revealed by the Angell Gabriel to the Good Joseph, wch ever have been remarked to be very fortunate dayes either to purge, let bloud, cure wounds, use marchandises, sow seeds, plant trees, build houses, or

take journies, in long or short voyages, in fighting or giving of battaill, or skirmishing. They also doe alledge that children who were born in any of these dayes could never be poore; and all children who were put to schooles or colledges in those dayes should become great schollars, and those who were put to any craft or trade in such dayes should become perfect artificers and rich, and such as were put to trade in marchandise should become most wealthy. The dayes be these:—the 3rd and 13th of January; ye 5th and 28th of February; ye 3rd, 22nd, and 30th of March; ye 5th 22nd, and 29th of April; ye 4th and 28th of May; ye 3rd and 8th of June; ye 12th, 18th, and 15th of July; ye 12th of August; ye 1st, 7th, 24th, and 28th of September; ye 4th and 15th of October; ye 13th and 19th of November; ye 23rd and 26th of December."

A Book of Presidents (precedents), published in London in 1616, contains a calendar many of the days in which have the letter B affixed, "which signifieth such dayes as the Egyptians note to be dangerous to begin or take anything in hand, as to take a journey or any such like thing." The days thus marked are:—

January 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 17, 19.
February 7, 10, 17, 27, 28.
March 15, 16, 28.
April 7, 10, 16, 20, 21.
May 7, 15, 20.
June 4, 10, 22.
July 15, 20.
August 1, 19, 20, 29, 30.
September 3, 4, 6, 7, 21, 22.
October 4, 16, 24.
November 5, 6, 28, 29.
December 6, 7, 9, 15, 17, 22.

List of Days usually considered Fortunate with respect to Courtship, Marriage, and Love Affairs in general.

Females born on the following days may expect courtships and prospects of marriage, which will probably have a happy termination.

January 1, 2, 15, 26, 27, 28.
February 11, 21, 25, 26.
March 10, 24.
April 6, 15, 16, 20, 28.
May 3, 13, 18, 31.
June 10, 11, 15, 22, 25.
July 9, 14, 15, 20.
August 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 20, 25.
September 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, 23.
October 3, 7, 16, 21, 22.
November 5, 14, 20.
December 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25

MISCELLANEOUS METHODS OF DIVINATION.

Prediction of Things to come by the Grounds in a Tea or Coffee Cup.

Pour the grounds of tea or coffee into a white cup; shake them well about, so as to spread them over the surface; reverse the cup to drain away the superfluous contents, and then exercise your intuitive and previsional powers in discovering what the resultant figures represent. Long, wavy lines denote vexations and losses, their importance depending on the number of lines. Straight ones, on the contrary, foretell peace, tranquillity, and long life. Human figures are usually good omens, announcing love affairs and marriages. If circular figures predominate, the person for whom the experiment is made may expect to receive money. If these circles are connected by straight, unbroken lines, there will be delay, but ultimately all will be satisfactory. Squares foretell peace and happiness; oblong figures, family discord; curved, twisted, or angular ones, are certain signs of vexations and annoyances—their probable duration being determined by the number of figures. A number of lines, whether long or short, foretell a happy old age. A crown signifies honour, and for politicians, &c., success at court. A cross denotes news of death, but three in the same cup are symbolical of honour. A ring means marriage; if a letter can be discovered near it, that will be the initial of the name of the future spouse. If the ring be in the clear part of the cup, it foretells a happy union; if there are clouds about it, expect the contrary; if it chance to be quite at the bottom,

the marriage will never take place. A leaf of clover or trefoil is a good sign, denoting speedy good fortune if at the top of the cup, and good fortune proportionately more remote as the symbol is nearer to the bottom. Flowers are commonly the signs of joy, happiness, and peaceful life. A rose promises health; a lily at the top of the cup foretells a happy marriage, but at the bottom it portends anger. A shrub signifies delays; a single tree as a rule predicts a restoration to health, but a weeping willow is a portent of sorrow. A group of trees in the clear part of the cup are misfortunes which may be avoided; several trees wide apart promise that your wishes will be accomplished; if encompassed by dashes, it is a token that your fortune is in its blossom, and only needs care to be brought to maturity; if surrounded by dots, riches may be expected. A tree beside a house promises you the possession of a country seat or cottage according to size. A house beside a circle shews that the former will come into your possession. If there be an X near it, it will be situated in a city or town. If accompanied by triangles, it will be inherited or given to you. If it be surmounted by a cross, you will die in it. Mountains signify either friends or enemies, according to their situation. The sun, moon, and stars denote happiness, success; clouds, happiness or misfortune—according as they are bright or dark. Birds are good omens; the appearance of one in the cup, typifies a sudden stroke of luck. Quadrupeds—with the exception of the dog—foretell trouble and difficulties; reptiles mean treachery. Fish imply good news from across the water, but some authorities interpret their appearance as the presage of an invitation to a good dinner. A serpent is always the sign of an enemy, and if in the cloudy part of the cup, gives warning that great prudence will be needed to ward off misfortune. The figure of a man indicates a speedy visitor; if the arm be outstretched, he will be the bearer of a present. When the figure is very dis-

tinct, it shows that the person expected will be of dark complexion, and *vice versâ*. A heart surrounded by dots signifies joy, occasioned by the receipt of money. A letter signifies news; if in the clear, very welcome ones; surrounded by dots, a remittance; hemmed in by clouds, bad tidings and losses; a heart near it, a love letter. An isolated line signifies a journey, its extent in proportion to the length of the line; dots or small branch lines signify the obstacles which may be expected therein. A circle enclosing four points foretells the birth of a child, and this emblem has a profoundly occult significance. A dog beside a human figure always has reference to a friend. A man mounted on a horse presages a male person who will powerfully espouse your cause. An anchor at the bottom of the cup denotes success in business; at the top, and in the clear part, love and fidelity; but in thick or cloudy parts, it means inconstancy. A crown near a cross indicates a large fortune, resulting from a death. A bouquet, composed of four or more flowers, is the most fortunate of all omens. Occasionally, the development of the clairvoyant faculty produces lovely landscapes, complex groups of figures, large flights of birds, and a variety of suggestive visions, which, being of a higher character than those previously described, are proportionately difficult to explain, and sometimes transcend speculation. To persons of poetical and romantic temperament they are, however, eminently suggestive, and are far more highly prized than the common appearances which admit of a facile interpretation.

Divination with Needles.

Take five-and-twenty new needles; set them on a plate, and pour water on them. Those which cross each other denote as many enemies of the consulting person. Ancient magic attributes many virtues to the needle. When the winding-sheet of a corpse

has been sewn with it, it acquires a power of enchantment over the bridal bed, and the fulfilment of the marriage act can be prevented by its means.

Alectromancy.

This is a time-honoured method of divination by means of a cock, and it has the admirable merit of simplicity. Trace a large circle in sand, and divide it into twenty-four equal spaces, in each of which must be inscribed one letter of the alphabet, rejecting J and U, which are usually represented in ancient writings by their correspondents I and V. Place over each letter a single grain of barley or wheat, and place in the centre of the circle the cock, who is the chief agent in this divinatory rite. Carefully notice from which letters he pecks up the grain, and the order in which he proceeds during his mystic meal, for the assemblage of these letters should form a word which will give you reliable information on that question about which you had recourse to the oracle.

Divination with Onions.

This ceremony is only performed on Christmas Eve, and to obtain tidings of absent persons. Place several onions on a table, and leave them undisturbed till they begin to sprout, having previously inscribed upon each the name of some absent friend. That which sprouts most speedily signifies that the person whose name it bears is in the enjoyment of vigorous health.

Gastromancy.

This method of divination is concerned with magical clairvoyance, and requires the assistance of a natural magician. It is performed in the following manner. Place some globular vases filled to the brim with clear water between a number of lighted waxen tapers. Make an invocation of the angelical or planetary intelligences—such as Israfel, Gabriel,

or Metron, the spirit of the north—and direct the natural magician, who should be a boy or a girl of absolute and assured virginity, to gaze intently into the vases, when they will behold upon the surface of the water, amidst the reflected light of the tapers, a pictorial reply to the questions proposed by the consulters of the oracle.

Lecanomancy.

This is another method of divination by water, which must be placed in a silver vase on a clear moonlight night. The light of a candle is reflected from the blade of a knife on to the water, on which the gazer must fix his concentrated attention. Should he possess any faculty of clairvoyance, he will read an answer to his questions either pictorially or literally represented upon the smooth and shimmering surface.

Margaritomancy.

This form of divination is considered efficacious for the recovery of things stolen, and seems to have been practised in the Middle Ages. A pearl must be placed by a fire and covered with a glass vase. The names of the persons suspected must be repeated in a loud voice above it, and at that of the guilty party, it is credibly declared that the pearl with a sudden bound will strike and perhaps shiver the top of the vase. If no such manifestation occurs the diviner may be certain that he is on the wrong scent, and will do well to obtain information by some other method.

Rhapsodomancy.

This pleasing form of divination is practised by opening the works of some poet at hazard, and taking the lines on which the eye first falls as a prediction on the subject about which information is desired. The works of Homer and Virgil were

generally chosen in the past, but a mine of poetic and even prophetic suggestion will be discovered in Shakespeare. A considerable gift of insight is required in the interpretation of this class of oracle, and those who consult it will do well to look below the surface for the mystic significance of the passage. A variety of this divinatory method consists in opening the book with a pin, and consulting that passage which is marked by the point of the instrument.

OOMANCY.

A form of divination which may elicit latent clairvoyance, and was generally practised with boys, consists in rubbing oil or wax upon the nails of the seer, who turns them to the sunlight and gazes fixedly upon them. Should he possess the required psychic power he will perceive various figures represented on the surface of the nails as on so many mirrors or crystals, and he will be able to afford information on the subjects which are under inquiry.

SPODANOMANCY.

This divinatory method was still practised in Germany during the first half of the present century. It is performed by scattering ashes thickly in some place exposed to the air, and writing therein with the end of the finger any question about which information is needed. The inscribed ashes are then left for the night, and on the following morning the letters that remain legible are used as oracles, for which purpose they may be placed in their natural order, when if they form an intelligible word, it may be considered to contain the mystic sense of the oracle and an answer to the question proposed. Otherwise the insight of the contriver must be used to extract an appropriate answer from the assemblage of letters arranged after any fashion. As destiny is supposed to decide what letters should

remain legible, and what should be effaced, this intervention of the operator does not interfere with the working of the oracle, but simply manifests its message. Should other characters than those inscribed originally appear upon the surface of the ashes, there is no need for apprehension, though such interferences according to the time-honoured custom have been frequently ascribed to the devil.

Geomancy.

A manual of occult divination would be justly deemed incomplete without some reference to the several time-honoured methods of eliciting occult information and prophetic oracles which are included under this name. Geomancy, however, is much too extensive a subject to be treated within a brief space, and fortunately, those who are anxious for a particular acquaintance with its mysteries will find every opportunity for obtaining it in Dr Franz Hartmann's excellent handbook on the subject recently published, which may be cordially recommended to their attention as exceedingly complete and explicit, more especially in its practical part, for, by a curious oversight, the treatise appears absolutely devoid of any definition of the art.

Geomancy, philologically, signifies divination by earth, and one of its most simple applications consists in the scattering of a pinch of dust or earth upon a table, concentrating the prophetic faculty on the lines and the formless figures which it assumes, and thence extracting the mystic oracle. Obviously, this process is substantially identical with divination by the grounds in a tea or coffee cup.

Geomancy may also be practised by the observation of fissures and crevices naturally formed in the earth; a biologized condition is occasionally produced on inhaling the vapours which ascend from these places, and the oracular utterances of the subject under such influence are interpreted in a

convenient manner and consistently with the needs of the occasion.

Bituminous exhalations, which issue from the bowels of the earth and are fraught with the tenebrous mysteries of the "concentrated centre of nature," are, however, comparatively uncommon, but there is yet another method of geomantic magic, which may be performed by tracing lines and circles on the ground, and then exercising the clairvoyant faculty upon their various combinations.

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